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FBI Director James Comey, backed by law enforcement personnel, addresses a news conference Tuesday, June 17, 2014 at the FBI Minneapolis field office in Brooklyn Center, Minn. Comey said the arrest Sunday of a Libyan militant in the deadly attack on Americans in Benghazi is a very good day for law enforcement and added that the FBI's No. 1 priority remains counterterrorism.

(AP Photo/Jim Mone)

**US Seizes Suspect in Deadly Libya Attack**

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WASHINGTON (AP)** — U.S. special forces seized a "key leader" of the deadly Benghazi, Libya, attack and he is on his way to face trial in the U.S. for the fiery assault that killed

the U.S. ambassador and three other Americans, the Obama administration announced Tuesday. It was the first breakthrough in the overseas violence in 2012 that has become a festering political sore at home. President Barack Obama said the capture on Sun-

day of Ahmed Abu Khatalla sends a clear message to the world that "when Americans are attacked, no matter how long it takes, we will find those responsible and we will bring them to justice." "We will find you," Obama declared.

As recently as last August, though, Abu Khatalla told The Associated Press that he was not in hiding nor had he been questioned by Libyan authorities about the attack at the diplomatic compound. He denied involvement and said that he had abandoned the mi-

litia. U.S. officials said Tuesday that despite his media interviews, he "evaded capture" until the weekend when military special forces, including members of the Army's elite Delta Force, nabbed him.

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# Canada OKs oil pipeline to the Pacific Coast

**ROB GILLIES**  
**Associated Press**

**TORONTO (AP)** — Canada's government on Tuesday approved a proposed pipeline to the Pacific Coast that would allow oil to be shipped to Asia, a major step in the country's efforts to diversify its oil industry. The approval Tuesday was expected. Conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been a staunch supporter of Enbridge's proposed Northern Gateway pipeline after the U.S. delayed a decision on TransCanada's Keystone

XL pipeline that would take oil from Alberta to the U.S. Gulf Coast. Enbridge's pipeline would transport 525,000 barrels of oil a day from Alberta's oil sands to the Pacific to deliver oil to Asia, mainly energy-hungry China. There is fierce environmental and aboriginal opposition to the project and legal challenges are expected. About 220 large oil tankers a year would visit the Pacific coast town of Kitamat and opponents fear pipeline leaks and a potential disaster on the pristine Pacific coast.

Natural Resources Minister Greg Rickford said in a statement that Enbridge must meet the 209 conditions Canada's regulator imposed on the pipeline. The company has previously said it would. "The proponent clearly has more work to do in order to fulfill the public commitment it has made to engage with Aboriginal groups and local communities along the route," he said in a statement. The Keystone XL pipeline and the Northern Gateway project are critical to Canada, which needs

infrastructure in place to export its growing oil sands production. The northern Alberta region has the world's third largest oil reserves, with 170 billion barrels of proven reserves. Harper has said Canada's national interest makes the pipelines essential. He was "profoundly disappointed" that U.S. President Barack Obama delayed a decision on the Texas Keystone XL option, and spoke of the need to diversify Canada's oil industry. Ninety-seven percent of Canadian oil exports now go to the U.S. □

## American Airlines says to cut 80% of Venezuela flights

**FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)**

— American Airlines said Tuesday that it will cut nearly 80 percent of its flights to Venezuela in a dispute over revenue being held by the South American country. American said that beginning July 2 it will operate 10 flights per week instead of the current 48. And it will only fly to Venezuela from Miami, scrapping flights from New York, Dallas and San Juan, Puerto Rico. The airline says Venezuela is holding on to at least \$750 million in revenue that American wants to bring back to the U.S.

Other airlines are locked in similar disputes. The International Air Transport Association, a trade group for major world airlines, said this month that Venezuela is holding \$4 billion in airline money because of problems with the country's currency-control system.

Air Canada, Italy's Alitalia and Panama's Copa Airlines have cut flights to Caracas, and several U.S. airlines have restricted sales there because of the socialist government's refusal to turn over money from sales inside Venezuela.

Other industries such as drug companies and car-makers have also run into difficulty getting dollars from the government's tightly managed currency system because of a shortage of U.S. dollars.

American has a broad network of flights to Latin America and has flown to Venezuela for nearly 27 years. A spokesman for Fort Worth-based American Airlines Group Inc., Casey Norton, said that American values "our business and longstanding relationships with the government." But, he said, the airline is cutting flights because it is owed \$750 million in ticket revenue through March and hasn't been able to resolve the dispute. "We continue to work with the government of Venezuela on this matter," Norton said. □



Vice President Joe Biden gives a statement at the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia, Brazil, Tuesday, June 17, 2014, after meeting earlier with Brazil President Dilma Rousseff at the presidential palace. Biden briefly met with Rousseff on Tuesday in a bid to thaw frosty relations between the two nations. Relations between Brazil and the U.S. quickly soured after revelations last year that Brazil is a main target of the National Security Agency's massive spying program. (AP Photo/Eraldo Peres)

## US VP Biden meets Brazil leader Rousseff

**M. MARTINEZ**  
**Associated Press**

**BRASILIA, Brazil (AP)** — U.S. Vice President Joe Biden briefly met with Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Tuesday in a bid to thaw stalled relations between the two nations. Biden, speaking to reporters in the U.S. Embassy after the abrupt cancellation of a joint statement he was expected to make with Brazil's vice president, said he reassured Rousseff that the U.S. had changed espionage tactics that previously led to direct spying of the Brazilian leader's com-

munications. "I told her what she already knew — that President Obama ordered an immediate review after we learned of the disclosures," Biden said. "We are taking a new approach on these issues." Rousseff was so enraged by reports last year based on leaked NSA documents that her personal communication was hacked that she cancelled what had been the first planned state visit by a Brazilian president to the U.S. in over two decades. Other reports indicated that the

NSA hacked the computer network of state-run oil company Petrobras. Since then, Rousseff has demanded the U.S. publicly apologize over the spying. No apology has been issued. Biden said he and Rousseff "had a long private conversation ... about the prospects of how to bring our nations even closer." He highlighted the strong economic ties between the two nations — the U.S. is Brazil's No. 2 trading partner, behind China — and the fact both were "strong, diverse democracies." On Monday night,

Biden was in northeastern Brazil to watch the U.S. national soccer team beat Ghana 2-1 in its first World Cup match. Michael Shifter, president of the Washington-based Inter-American Dialogue, said Biden's visit had the modest aim "to avoid further deterioration in U.S.-Brazil relations and to prepare the ground for an eventual improvement." "This is not the right moment to take significant steps in deepening the relationship — never mind forging a 'strategic partnership,'" he said. □



# US seizes suspect in deadly Libya attack

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Whatever the path to his capture, he was headed for the United States to face what Obama called "the full weight of the American justice system." Obama called the Libyan an "alleged key leader" of the attack.

U.S. officials said Abu Khatalla was being held on the Navy amphibious transport dock ship USS New York, which was in the Mediterranean Sea. The officials spoke only on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss Abu Khatalla's whereabouts.

The Libyan was the commander of a militant group called the Abu Obaida bin Jarrah Brigade and is accused of being a senior leader of the Benghazi branch of Ansar al-Shariah in Libya, which the U.S. has designated a terror group. In Congress, Republicans urged the administration to get as much intelligence out of Abu Khatalla as possible before anyone reads him his rights to remain silent, supplies him with a lawyer and prepares him for trial in a U.S. courtroom. In fact, Sen. Saxby Chambliss of Georgia, top Republican on the Intelligence Committee, said interrogation of the Libyan already was underway and "we hope to find out some positive things."

Abu Khatalla is charged with terror-related crimes in U.S. District Court in Washington and will be tried like a civilian, the administration said.

The Obama administration policy is to treat terror suspects as criminals when possible and not send them to the military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, like hundreds of terror suspects captured during the administration of President George W. Bush.

Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell said the U.S. should skip the legal niceties and focus on interrogation.

"The most valuable thing

we can get from this terrorist is information about who else was involved in this," McConnell told reporters. "We'll be watching closely to see how much information they glean from him and how they're handling it."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican, added: "We should have some quality time with this guy — weeks and months. Don't torture him; have some quality time with him."

Justice Department spokesman Marc Raimondi declined to comment on whether Abu Khatalla had been read his rights to remain silent or when that might happen.

"As a general rule, the government will always seek to elicit all actionable intelligence and information we can from terrorist suspects in our custody," Raimondi said in an email.

According to a criminal complaint unsealed Tuesday, Abu Khatalla is charged with killing a person in the course of an attack on a federal facility and conspiring to do so; providing, attempting and conspiring to provide material support to terrorists that resulted in death, and discharging, brandishing, using, carrying and possessing a firearm during a crime of violence. Officials said he could face the death penalty if convicted of the first charge.

His arrest may well not be the last. "Even as we begin the process of putting Khatalla on trial and seeking his conviction before a jury, our investigation will remain ongoing as we work to identify and arrest any co-conspirators," Attorney General Eric Holder said.

FBI Director James Comey said Abu Khatalla's arrest sends a message to others who need to be held accountable that "we will shrink the world to bring you to justice."

Some Republicans said Abu Khatalla should be headed for Guantanamo so that he could be interrogated at length. □



An undated handout photo of the damaged U.S. Special Mission after it was attacked in Benghazi, Libya, on Sept. 11, 2012. In a secret commando operation, American Special Operations forces captured the suspected leader of the 2012 attack, that killed Ambassador Christopher Stevens, White House and Pentagon officials said Tuesday.

(Federal Bureau Of Investigation via The New York Times)

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# Hearing indicates easy path for Obama's housing nominee

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**WASHINGTON** - President Barack Obama's nominee for housing secretary, Mayor Julián Castro of San Antonio, fielded a series of mostly friendly questions Tuesday from members of the Senate Banking Committee, signaling a smooth path to confirmation in the coming weeks.

Underscoring his appeal to members of both parties, Castro, who gained national attention in 2012 as the keynote speaker at the Democratic National Convention, was introduced by John Cornyn of Texas, the Senate's second-ranking Republican.

Cornyn praised Castro's biography - a Mexican-American and Harvard Law School graduate whose mother worked for the local housing authority - as "one that's uniquely Texan and, I would say, uniquely American."

The bulk of the questions posed to Castro, 39, involved the future of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the mortgage giants that were bailed out by taxpayers in 2008, and the Federal Housing Administration, a part of the Department of Housing and Urban Development that insures low-down-payment loans to expand homeownership.

The committee's chairman, Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D., and the ranking Republican, Sen. Michael D. Crapo of Idaho, have proposed legislation to overhaul the nation's housing finance system and eliminate Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. The housing administration has reported financial troubles after backing many risky loans and required \$1.7 billion in taxpayer aid last year to cover a shortfall in its insurance fund.

Castro, the twin brother of Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, said he was commit-



San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro speaks with Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) as he takes a seat to appear before the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs on Capitol Hill, in Washington, June 17, 2014. Castro appeared at the hearing on his nomination to be secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and if confirmed he would be the second San Antonio mayor to hold that job.

(Doug Mills/The New York Times)

ted to working with members of the committee to make changes to the mortgage system and emphasized that such changes would need to balance

the financial solvency of those agencies with ensuring wide access to home loans, particularly for low-income workers.

"I would like HUD to focus

on outcomes, not only inputs," said Castro, who as mayor successfully drew private investment to San Antonio's downtown district. □

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# Obama announces small-business initiative



President Barack Obama is shown an example of a 3-D printer by Andy Leer during his tour of TechShop Pittsburgh, Tuesday, June 17, 2014, in Pittsburgh, Pa. Obama traveled to Pittsburgh and visited TechShop, a fabrication and prototyping studio open to the public via paid memberships, to deliver remarks on the economy.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

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**PITTSBURGH** - President Barack Obama acted as a pitchman for entrepreneurs on Tuesday afternoon, fielding questions from small-business owners in an attempt to highlight creative ways to boost manufacturing.

Obama, frustrated by congressional inaction on his infrastructure agenda, is seeking to demonstrate his ability to make things happen. Tuesday's event was planned to demonstrate the small steps that he can take to prod manufacturing without congressional approval. The White House announced a program that helps provide entrepreneurs access to more than \$5 billion in advanced manufacturing equipment. And the administration said that five federal agencies will invest \$150 million to support the Materials Genome Initiative to study advanced materials.

But the centerpiece of Obama's trip here was his visit to TechShop, a facility that provides small-time entrepreneurs and business owners the ability to use 3D printers and other equipment to create prototypes they could not afford to make with traditional manufacturing facilities.

During a tour of the facility,

business owners showed Obama their use of 3D printers, laser etchers and small mold makers to create objects quickly and at a low cost.

One demonstrated how he could make objects out of red plastic like gears and circuit boards and a small bust of Abraham Lincoln using a 3D printer. Another used a Speedy 300 laser machine by Troctec to etch designs into wood. Obama held up a wooden snowflake that was etched on the machine.

"This is pretty," he said.

A third employee of TechShop, Terry Sandin, showed the president how to create a plastic mold of the presidential seal. He told the president he was from Hawaii and was going back soon, prompting the president to ask whether he could go with him. "I have this lease on a plane," Obama said, prompting laughter from reporters following him.

After the tour, Obama took questions from several dozen people at TechShop in a 40-minute Q&A session. Most of the questions centered on how the government could do more to help small-business owners and entrepreneurs.

The president seemed to relish the opportunity to discuss the issue, sitting

on a small wooden stool as he talked about the issues confronting American small-business owners.

"Older workers who lose their jobs have to recognize that they are going to have to adapt and re-tool in order to get an opportunity," Obama said in response to one question from a woman who said she is turning 60 soon. "You may not be able to be in the same industry you were before." "It's not always fair, but it may be what's required," Obama said.

One young man wanted to know how his small smart-phone company might help the president's task force on sexual assaults. Obama said that "we'd love to find out what you are thinking." □

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## GM sales, used-car values hold up through recalls

**TOM KRISHER**  
**AP Auto Writer**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Consumers looking for a used vehicle aren't shying away from GM models — even though more than 20 million GM cars and trucks have been recalled this year. General Motors cars such as the Chevrolet Malibu have retained or increased in value, sometimes more than rival vehicles. And sales of new cars aren't slowing either, up 13 percent in May. GM has issued 44 recalls in North America this year for parts ranging from ignition switches to air bags. The most serious is for ignition switches in 2.6 million small cars linked to more than 50 crashes and at least 13 deaths. Investigations into

that recall have exposed GM as a company that was too slow to react to serious safety issues. In the past, consumers punished automakers for big recalls. Those companies lost market share — Toyota's dropped 2 percentage points over 12 months when it recalled 14 million cars for unintended acceleration. Yet GM's has held fairly steady so far, around 18 percent. GM has cautioned that an ongoing companywide safety review could produce even more recalls — just Monday it recalled another 3.4 million cars for a separate ignition switch issue — so consumers might still decide it's smarter to buy their wheels elsewhere. But for now, experts say,



**Chevrolet Malibus sit at a Chevrolet dealership in Englewood, Colo. General Motors reported monthly sales on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Cars such as the Malibu have retained or increased their value, sometimes more than rival vehicles in the same market segment.**

(AP Photo/David Zalubowski)

GM has retained buyers' confidence by appearing to act quickly on safety matters — even though GM's internal investigation into the small-car switch re-

call showed that employees took years to realize they had a safety problem on their hands. "People are associating that with being vigilant

more than being careless," said Larry Dominique, executive vice president of Automotive Lease Guide, whose data is used by dealers to set values of leased cars. That could explain why the value of the 2010 Chevrolet Malibu rose almost 3 percent from February, when the recalls started, through May, according to ALG. That compares with midsize cars as a whole, which dropped in value by 1 percent. The Malibu has been part of five recalls this year. The value of most other used GM cars also rose. The exception: the Chevrolet Cobalt, which is at the heart of the first ignition switch recall. About 1 million Cobalts are being recalled. Of the 13 deaths GM counts, nine occurred in Cobalts. □

## US home building declined 6.5% in May

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The pace of U.S. home construction slipped in May with many Americans still struggling to afford new houses. Builders started work at a seasonally adjusted annual rate on 1.01 million homes last month, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. That was down 6.5 percent from 1.07 million in April. Construction firms began work on fewer single-family houses, condominiums and apartments last month. Home construction has struggled to gain much traction this year, limiting its ability to contribute as much to broader economic growth as it has in the past. Many would-be buyers face higher mortgage rates than at this time last year, while builders are sell-

ing fewer new homes but charging more for them. That has reduced the number of possible buyers and the number of construction jobs. Builders employ 1.49 million fewer workers than they did at the start of the Great Recession in December 2007, a loss of roughly 20 percent. "We expect housing to contribute positively to 2014 economic growth, but the magnitude of its contribution likely will be much smaller than that reported for the past two years," said Dana Saporita, director of U.S. economics at the bank Credit Suisse. In May, construction tailed off in the Northeast, Midwest and West. Only the South experienced greater building activity in May. Housing starts have risen

9.4 percent over the past 12 months. But apartments account for most of the gains, suggesting that more Americans will be renting instead of owning homes. The growth in apartment buildings points to an economy in which more Americans are renting, rather than buying homes. Following the housing bust and recession, Americans have had to deal with relatively flat wages and job insecurity, both obstacles to saving for a down payment. The home ownership rate was 64.8 percent at the start of the year, down from a peak of 69.2 percent during 2004. Applications for building permits, a gauge of future activity, fell 6.4 percent in May to an annual rate of 991,000. □



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## US Financial Front:

# American consumer prices rise 0.4 percent in May



Marty Mascio, of Pembroke Pines, Fla., pumps gasoline into his car at a Chevron gasoline station in Pembroke Pines, Fla. The Labor Department reported on U.S. consumer prices in May on Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

(AP Photo/Wilfredo Lee)

**MARTIN CRUTSINGER**  
AP Economics Writer

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

U.S. consumer prices increased in May by the largest amount in more than a year as the cost of food and gasoline showed big gains and airline fares jumped by the largest amount in 15 years.

The consumer price index rose 0.4 percent in May, the biggest one-month jump since a 0.6 percent increase in February 2013, the Labor Department reported Tuesday.

Over the past 12 months, consumer prices are up 2.1 percent. While that was the biggest 12-month price change since October 2012, it still left prices rising at a pace near the Federal Reserve's 2 percent target. But analysts said the May price jump, double what had been expected, would get the attention of Fed policymakers, who

were starting a two-day meeting on Tuesday.

"The Fed will have to acknowledge in tomorrow's policy statement that price pressures are growing," said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics. "The chances that it will raise interest rates before the middle of next year are increasing."

"We're seeing more signs that the days of low inflation are behind us," said Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. She said the drought in California pushed fruit prices up and a drought in Brazil was to blame for higher coffee prices.

Excluding volatile food and energy, core inflation was up 0.3 percent in May, the biggest one-month gain since August 2011. Over the past 12 months, core prices are up 2 percent.

The 0.4 percent May price rise reflected gains in a

number of areas. Food costs were up 0.5 percent, the largest increase since a similar gain in August 2011. Food costs have been driven higher this year by an unusually harsh winter and a drought in California.

Energy costs were up 0.9 percent in May, the biggest one-month gain since December. Gasoline prices increased 0.7 percent last month.

Outside of food and energy, there were widespread price pressures as well. Airline tickets were up 5.8 percent in May, the biggest one-month gain since July 1999. The cost of clothing, prescription drugs and new cars all showed increases in May.

Even with the May price increases, inflation is still advancing at moderate rates around the 2 percent target set by the Federal Reserve, which has the job of managing interest rates to foster stable prices and

maximum employment.

Low inflation has allowed the Fed to keep interest rates exceptionally low in an effort to boost economic growth without having to worry about inflation getting out of hand. A measure of inflation preferred by the Fed that is tied to consumer spending patterns has been running below the Fed's target of 2 percent for the past two years.

The central bank was meeting Tuesday and Wednesday with Fed officials widely expected to keep a key short-term rate at a record low near zero. The Fed is not expected to begin increasing that rate for another year.

While it is the Fed's job to keep inflation from rising too quickly, it also watches to make sure that prices do not rise too slowly. That can signal a weak economy and generate further weakness as consumers stop buying big-ticket items in hopes that prices will fall further.

The Fed will update its economic forecasts on Wednesday and analysts are looking for the growth figure to be trimmed to reflect the very weak start to the year. Despite the weakness, which was related to a harsh winter, economists believe the economy will rebound to growth rates of 3 percent or better for the rest of this year. □

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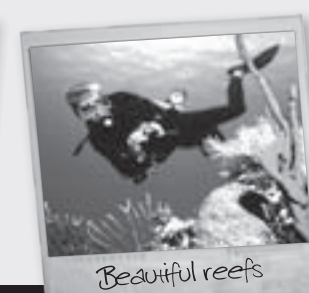
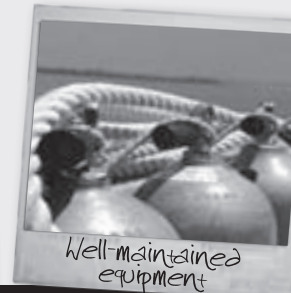


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## Giving increases for some sectors, shrinks for others

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Wealthy donors in the U.S. are lavishing money on their favored charities, including universities, hospitals and arts institutions, while giving is flat to social service and church groups more dependent on financially squeezed middle-class donors, according to the latest comprehensive report on how Americans give away their money.

The Giving USA report, being released Tuesday, said Americans gave an estimated \$335.17 billion to charity in 2013, up 3 percent from 2012 after adjustment for inflation. Reflecting the nation's widening wealth gap, some sectors fared far better than others. Adjusted for inflation, giving was up 7.4 percent for education, 6.3 percent for the arts and humanities, and 4.5 percent for health organizations, while giving to religious groups declined by 1.6 percent and giving to social service groups rose by only 0.7 percent.

Experts with the Giving USA Foundation and its research partner, the Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, said it was the fourth straight year of increased overall giving, and predicted that within two more years the total could match the pre-recession peak of \$347.5 billion.

During and immediately after the recession, some wealthy donors shifted their giving to social service groups working to combat hunger and homelessness, according to Patrick Rooney, associate dean of the school of philanthropy. Now, many of those donors — including some making multimil-

lion-dollar gifts — are refocusing their attention on higher education, the arts and other sectors long patronized by the affluent, he said.

The trend is readily apparent in the listings of recent major charitable gifts compiled by the Chronicle of Philanthropy, which provides news coverage of the nonprofit world.

Among the 100 largest recent gifts, which range from \$7.5 million to \$275 million, the recipients overwhelmingly are universities and hospitals, along with a few arts institutions. Only four of the gifts are to social service organizations and one to a religious group.

Almost all the U.S. income gains from 2009 to 2012 flowed to the top 1 percent of earners, according to tax data analyzed by economist Emmanuel Saez at the University of California, Berkeley. By contrast, median household income was \$51,017 in 2012, \$4,600 below its peak in 2007, according to the Census Bureau.

"It's the very wealthiest who have recovered the most in terms of the giving potential, and the very wealthiest do tend to give their biggest gifts to colleges and hospitals," said Stacy Palmer, the Chronicle of Philanthropy's editor. Those are the institutions that ask more effectively, she added. "They have development offices who offer donors these ambitious plans."

In contrast, she said many social service organizations rely heavily on less wealthy donors who may not yet feel they have fully recovered from the recession. □



Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen appears before the Senate Budget Committee to examine the nation's economic and fiscal outlook, on Capitol Hill in Washington. This week's Federal Reserve meeting is the third at which Yellen will preside as chair since succeeding Ben Bernanke in February.

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## Fed digesting surprise inflation data

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**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Federal Reserve received some further cause for discussion at its policy meeting this week with a report Tuesday of a surprising jump in consumer inflation. Yet most economists aren't altering their view that the Fed's first interest rate increase is at least a year away. Analysts cautioned that that time frame could change if inflation were to accelerate. The consumer price index rose 0.4 percent in May, the government said, and has risen 2.1 percent over the past 12 months — roughly at the level of the Fed's target rate for inflation.

It's why the Fed might actually welcome the news of slightly higher inflation: It will help ease long-standing concerns that inflation might be too low. For the past two years, inflation by one key measure has remained under the Fed's 2 percent target.

"I don't think the Fed is going to express concern

about the May price increase," said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors.

When the Fed issues a statement Wednesday after its meeting ends and updates its economic forecasts, and then Chair Janet Yellen holds a news conference, investors will be seeking clues about when short-term rates will finally rise. They will also be looking for hints about how and when the Fed will start unloading its vast investment holdings. The answers will affect loan rates for individuals and businesses — and perhaps the direction of the economy. Yet few expect to hear anything definitive. The Fed remains in a tentative wait-and-see stance.

Though the central bank has signaled optimism, officials are unsure how much the economy will strengthen the rest of the year. In its updated forecasts, the Fed may downgrade its estimate of growth for 2014 after the government said last month that the economy shrank in the first quar-

ter, depressed by a harsh winter.

The International Monetary Fund this week predicted that the U.S. economy will grow a modest 2 percent this year, below the IMF's previous estimate of 2.7 percent.

Yellen has suggested that the U.S. unemployment rate, now 6.3 percent, overstates the health of the job market and economy. She's also expressed concern that a high percentage of the unemployed — 35 percent — have been out of work for six months or more and that pay is scarcely rising for people who do have jobs.

Yet the Fed is getting closer to acting. The minutes of its last meeting in late April indicated that the Fed has begun discussing the tools it could use to finally pull back the extraordinary stimulus it's provided the U.S. economy since 2008.

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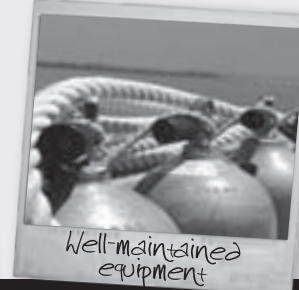


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### Bad blood:

## Signs of reprisal killings emerge across Iraq

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**BAGHDAD (AP)** — Nearly four dozen Sunni detainees were gunned down at a jail north of Baghdad, a car bomb struck a Shiite neighborhood of the capital and four young Sunnis were found slain, as ominous signs emerged Tuesday that open warfare between the two main Muslim sects has returned to Iraq. The killings, following the capture by Sunni insurgents of a large swath of the country stretching to Syria, were the first hints of the beginnings of a return to sectarian bloodletting that nearly tore the country apart in 2006 and 2007. During the United States' eight-year presence in Iraq, American forces acted as a buffer between the two Islamic sects, albeit with limited success. The U.S. military is now being pulled back in — with a far more limited mission and far fewer troops, as President Barack Obama nears a decision on an array of options for combating the Islamic militants. In the latest sect-on-sect violence, at least 44 Sunni detainees were slaughtered by gun shots to the head and chest by pro-government Shiite militiamen after Sunni insurgents tried to storm the jail near Baqouba, northeast of Baghdad, police said. The Iraqi military gave a different account and put the death toll at 52, insisting the Sunni inmates were killed by mortar shells in the attack late Monday on the facility. In Baghdad, the bullet-riddled bodies of four men in their late 20s or early 30s, presumably Sunnis, were

found Tuesday at different locations in the Shiite neighborhood of Benouk, according to police and

morgue officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk with the

media.

Also Tuesday, a car bomb in Baghdad's Shiite Sadr City district killed 12 people

and wounded 30 in a crowded outdoor market, police and hospital officials said. No one claimed responsibility for the bombing, but attacks targeting Shiite districts are routinely the work of Sunni militants. The sectarian violence was a grim reminder of a dark chapter in Iraq's history when nearly a decade ago the city woke up virtually every morning to find dozens of bodies dumped in the streets, trash heaps or in the Tigris river, bullet-riddled or with torture marks.

Obama has said he would not commit the U.S. to military action in Iraq unless the government in Baghdad moves to "set aside sectarian differences, to promote stability. □



Volunteers train at military base in the Shiite holy city of Najaf, 100 miles (160 kilometers) south of Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday, June 17, 2014, after authorities urged Iraqis to help battle insurgents. Signs emerged Tuesday of a reprisal sectarian slaughter of Sunnis in Iraq, as police said pro-government Shiite militiamen killed nearly four dozen detainees after insurgents tried to storm the jail northeast of Baghdad.

(AP Photo/ Jaber al-Helo)

## 2 Russian journalists killed in eastern Ukraine

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**MOSCOW (AP)** — Two Russian journalists for a Russian state-owned TV channel died Tuesday in eastern Ukraine after being hit by mortar fire, the Rossiya 24 network said. Correspondent Igor Kornelyuk, 37, died during surgery in a hospital after being wounded while on assignment in Luhansk. The whereabouts of the sound engineer who was with him were unknown throughout the day, but in late evening the network announced that Anton Voloshin had been confirmed dead as well. Russian officials expressed indignation over the deaths. Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said the Ukrainian government should be held responsible, while Rus-

sia's federal investigative agency announced the opening of a criminal case. Viktor Denisov, a cameraman working with Kornelyuk, said in a television broadcast that they were filming Ukrainian refugees fleeing the area north of the regional capital when mortar fire began. Denisov was not next to Kornelyuk when he was wounded. Before the announcement of Voloshin's death, the Paris-based media advocacy group Reporters Without Borders said Kornelyuk was the fourth journalist to be killed in Ukraine since the start of the year. "The violence affecting journalists in Ukraine is reaching unprecedented levels. We again call on the belligerents to do whatever is necessary to protect jour-

nalists as required by international law," said Johann Bühr, head of the Eastern Europe and Central Asia desk for the France-based organization.

The deadly conflict in eastern Ukraine between pro-Russia separatist rebels and the government in Kiev has been raging for nearly two months. On Monday, new Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko pledged to propose a peace plan this week to bring a cease-fire to the east, but said the porous border with Russia had to be secured first.

Ukraine accuses Russia of supporting the rebels, and the United States and NATO say tanks and other heavy weapons have crossed from Russia into the hands of rebels in Ukraine. Russia has denied sending any weapons or troops,

and the rebels said the few tanks they had were seized from Ukrainian forces.

Cash-strapped Ukraine was due to receive 500 million euros (\$680 million) on Tuesday from the European Union to help stabilize the country and shore up its ailing economy.

EU Economics Commissioner Olli Rehn said the loan was "a further concrete sign of European solidarity." The money from the 28-nation bloc is part of a wider EU package aimed at helping Ukraine reform its economy to boost growth and increase jobs.

The EU sent Ukraine 100 million euros (\$1.35 billion) last month and has another 1 billion euros (\$1.35 billion) lined up for it, provided Ukraine meets milestones on economic and financial reforms. □



## Nigeria: Explosion rocks World Cup viewing venue

**ADAMU ADAMU**

**Associated Press**

**DAMATURU, Nigeria (AP)** —

A suicide bomber detonated a tricycle taxi packed with explosives at an outdoor World Cup viewing center in a northeast Nigerian city Tuesday night, and witnesses said several people were killed.

Hospital workers said the death likely will rise with 15 people critically wounded and casualties still coming in to the main hospital at

Damaturu, capital of Yobe state.

Police Assistant Superintendent Nathan Cheghan confirmed the explosion but said rescue workers were being careful for fear of secondary explosions. Islamic extremists of the Boko Haram group frequently time secondary explosions to kill people who rush to the scene of a bomb blast. Cheghan said he had no casualty figures.

There was no immediate

claim for the blast witnesses were blaming on Boko Haram fighters who have targeted football viewing centers and sports bars in the past.

Two explosions in recent weeks killed at least 40 people in two northern cities.

Witnesses said the tricycle taxi was driven into the outdoor area soon after the Brazil-Mexico match started Tuesday night. All spoke on condition of anonymity

for fear of reprisals.

One hospital worker said he saw at least seven bodies. Another said 15 casualties were in intensive care. Both asked that their names not be published because they are not authorized to speak to reporters.

Nigeria's military has promised increased security but appears incapable of halting a stream of attacks by extremists holding more than 250 schoolgirls hostage. □

## Roma teen in coma in Paris after beating

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PARIS - A teenage Roma boy lay in a coma in a hospital here Tuesday after being abducted from a shantytown and violently beaten last week, apparently in retaliation for what his assailants thought were thefts he committed in a nearby housing project, the French authorities said. Politicians and rights groups condemned the attack, which police and judicial officials said involved as many as a dozen people. No racial motives were immediately apparent, and investigators have made no arrests.

President François Hollande, whose leftist government has sharply accelerated the destruction of Roma camps, called the abduction and beating "beyond words and unjustifiable." Hollande did not call the attack a hate crime, however.

The boy, identified by law enforcement officials only as Darius, a 16-year-old Romanian citizen, was found abandoned in a shopping cart at the edge of a highway late Friday in Pierrefitte-sur-Seine, a poor, heavily immigrant suburb north of Paris. His assailants are believed to have come from the Cité des Poètes, a housing project where Darius was reported to have recently made a burglary attempt. He lived in a makeshift camp in an adjacent lot with about 200 other Roma, or Gypsy, foreign nationals, the authorities said.

By Monday, the camp had been abandoned, according to reports in the French news media.

About 17,000 Roma are thought to live in France, according to government numbers, most of them in squalid, illegal encampments at the edges of the country's major cities. Complaints of noise and crime tend to trail the camps and, as the French economy has faltered and a bitter populist anger has grown in recent years. □

## Albania battles gangs in Europe's pot capital

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**Associated Press**

**LAZARAT, Albania (AP)** —

Until ten years ago, Lazarat was a regular farm-

left its marks on society. Today flashy cars and expensive homes dot the village, where many residents were left unemployed after the political purges that

much to their own devices, as police visits tended to be met with gunfire. But change has come with the new Socialist government, which came into power

eration—only to be hailed with rocket-propelled grenades, mortar shells and heavy machine gun fire once they reached the outskirts of the village. With local television broadcasting the events live, police and the Interior Ministry urged residents to stay indoors and warned others to stay away from the area, some 230 kilometers (140 miles) south of the capital, Tirana.

Police chief Artan Didi told reporters in Tirana that police were targeting a "very well-structured and organized criminal group that is keeping the village in its claws." On the second day of operations Tuesday, police numbers were reinforced to 800 and officers took control of about a quarter of the village, seizing "considerable quantities" of marijuana and ammunition, as well as drug-processing machinery. Amid near-continuous gunfire, they also destroyed 11,000 cannabis plants, and were planning to gingerly advance into gang-defended areas.

Interior Minister Saimir Tahiri vowed to persist until "every square centimeter in Lazarat is under state control." According to the Socialists, Lazarat—a stronghold of the former ruling Democratic party—previously benefited from links with the political elite.

"Time is over for the links of the world of crime in Lazarat with parliament, with politics, with those they exploited until yesterday," Tahiri said. □



**Albanian police comb houses in Lazarat village, 230 kilometers (140 miles) south of capital Tirana, Tuesday, June 17, 2014, looking for cannabis and also suspects who shot against them. Hundreds of Albanian police, backed by armored vehicles, stormed a lawless southern village Monday after suspected marijuana growers allegedly fired rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and machine guns at officers during a drug raid.**

(AP Photo/Hektor Pustina)

ing community. Now the village in southern Albania is Europe's biggest illegal marijuana producer, raking in billions of euros every year from the plants openly cultivated in fields and house gardens.

Set in a green plain overlooked by high hills, this sprawling southern village of 5,000 is believed to produce about 900 metric tons of cannabis a year, worth some 4.5 billion euros (\$6.1 billion)—just under half of the small Balkan country's GDP.

The lucrative business has

followed changes of government in Albania in the late 1990s. Ironically, many had previously worked for the customs service, handling nearby border crossings with Greece.

The marijuana-farming has grown constantly since then, encouraged by strong demand in neighboring Greece and Italy, while Albania has also become a major transit point for other drugs coming in to Europe from Asia and Latin America.

Previously, authorities left the drug gangs pretty

last year with a clear aim to stamp out the marijuana economy and persist with efforts to seek Albanian membership in European Union. The country's application for candidate member status in the 28-nation bloc has already been turned down three times, with organized crime and corruption always cited as a stumbling block.

In their most ambitious effort so far, 500 police officers were deployed this week to impose law and order in Lazarat as part of a nationwide anti-drug op-





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# UN: 30 million African kids missing primary school

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Associated Press

DAKAR, Senegal (AP) —

About 30 million primary school-aged children in sub-Saharan Africa are not in class, partially because of conflict and poverty, and progress to get them back to school has stalled, two U.N. agencies said.

The situation is especially dire in West and Central Africa, which has the largest proportion of children out of school of any region in the world, said a pair of reports published Monday by UNICEF, the U.N. children's agency, and the statistics arm of UNESCO, the U.N. cultural and education agency.

The U.N. Millennium Development goals made primary education for every child a priority in 2000, and substantial progress was made through 2007, the reports said. In 1999 there were 106 million kids out of school globally, and by 2008 that figured dropped to 60 million, according to Yumiko Yokozeki, a regional education adviser for UNICEF in West and Central Africa. But since then, things have stagnated.

Only the hardest cases are left in many countries, such as kids who live in rural areas or kids in conflict zones, she said.

"The last 40 percent is much easier than dealing with the last 20 percent," she said.

Some countries, like Burkina Faso, have made good progress. Yokozeki said there's no magic bullet: Getting kids into classrooms requires governments to commit more money to education budgets — to reduce or eliminate fees, hire more teachers and buy more textbooks — but it also requires grassroots efforts to

convince parents that education is accessible and worth it.

Declining international aid

schools in conflict zones shut down or it's too dangerous for children to reach them; in some plac-

Mali was making great progress on getting children into the classroom, she said, but a 2012 coup

Other countries have also seen conflicts flare or intensify. In Nigeria, the Boko Haram militant group has staged a series of attacks on villages and kidnapped hundreds of girls from a school in the country's north while they were taking exams.

And in places where conflict does not prevent kids from going to school, often poverty does.

"I love school but have to drop some days of the week to help sell fish, so there can be food in the house and also for my school fees," said Kemi Olajuwon, a 12-year-old who was selling smoked fish on the streets of Lagos, Nigeria's commercial capital. Staggering numbers of children are out of school: about 10 million in southern and eastern Africa and another 19 million in West and Central Africa, according to the UNESCO statistics institute's database. □



Twelve-year-old, Kemi Olajuwon, who has to drop out of school some days to sell smoked fish and make money so there can be food in the house, and also for her school fees, displays her fish on the street in the Obalende area of Lagos, Nigeria, Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

(AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)

since the global financial crisis and an increase in conflicts have hindered efforts, Yokozeki said. Many

es, like Central African Republic, families have fled their homes because of violence.

brought chaos to the West African country and allowed militants to take over the country's north.

## Kenyan president blames domestic foes for attacks

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NAIROBI, Kenya - Kenya's president said Tuesday that lethal assaults over the past two days that left an estimated 63 people dead were the work of "local political networks," and were not carried out by the al-Shabab, a Somali extremist group that has claimed responsibility for the violence.

"The attack in Lamu was well planned, orchestrated and politically motivated ethnic violence against a Kenyan community," President Uhuru Kenyatta said, addressing the nation and referring to the county targeted by the violence. He did not pro-

vide evidence to support his assertion.

"This, therefore, was not an al-Shabab terrorist attack. Evidence indicates local political networks were involved in the planning and execution of the heinous attacks," he said. "This also played into the opportunist network of other criminal gangs."

Kenyatta said police officers who had been unable to prevent the attacks had been suspended and would be immediately charged in court.

"We are all hurting. Many of us are angry," he said, calling for the country to unite.

Some analysts questioned whether the attempt by Kenyatta to shift the blame

from the al-Shabab was a ploy to deflect attention from the government's failure to protect civilians from the spate of violence. Others saw the president's words as a reaction to mounting criticism by the main opposition party, which has forcefully rebuked the government for its apparent weakness in the face of attacks that many believe were orchestrated by the Islamic militant group based in neighboring Somalia.

Kwamchesti Makokha, a columnist for The Daily Nation, a Kenyan newspaper, was skeptical of the president's statement.

"One has to give the president the benefit of the doubt but there are huge

inconsistencies in that narrative," he said.

Militants killed at least 15 people on Kenya's coast overnight, a day after they conducted a nighttime raid on the coast that left at least 48 people dead, news services reported.

The al-Shabab, a Somali extremist group, claimed responsibility for the two nights of slaughter, Reuters said. It quoted the group's spokesman for military operations, Sheikh Abdisias Abu Musab.

Joseph Ole Lenku, the Cabinet secretary for the interior, said, "These attacks are unfortunate and the perpetrators must be held accountable." He said 15 people had died in the Tuesday attack. □



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Brokers work at the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Argentina's President Cristina Fernandez is refusing to go along with a U.S. judge's ruling requiring repayment of defaulted bonds. The Merval stock index dropped after Monday's court decision, its largest one-day loss in more than six months, and the value of Argentina's currency went down on the black market. (AP Photo/Eduardo Di Baia)

## US bond fight:

## Argentina might be forced to negotiate

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**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina**  
**(AP)** — Argentina's president is objecting to a U.S. judge's order requiring that \$1.33 billion in defaulted debt be repaid in full, though analysts say she may have no choice but to negotiate with the bondholders to avoid a new default and another blow to the country's reputation.

President Cristina Fernandez at first indicated she wouldn't go along with terms of the ruling, which was upheld Monday when the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear Argentina's final appeal. In a national address Monday night, Fernandez defiantly vowed not to submit to "extortion" by NML Capital and other investors that would not agree to trade defaulted debt for new, less valuable bonds.

Holders of 92 percent of the government bonds that were defaulted on in Argentina's 2001 economic collapse agreed over the years to the debt swap, and Fernandez said she was working on ways to keep Argentina's commitments to those creditors. Her hard line on the U.S. ruling could be a last effort to gain leverage ahead of a negotiated solution that both sides say they want. But with only days before a huge debt payment ordered by the court is due, many analysts and politicians say Argentina's already fragile economy could be deeply harmed if she doesn't immediately resolve the dispute.

Alberto Ramos, Latin America economist for Goldman Sachs, said resolving the dispute would be good for Argentina, bringing in more capital and boosting the economy.

"Another default can be quite costly economically and financially," Ramos said. "And the uncertainty and volatility that would generate would put added pressure on an already struggling economy, on the exchange rate, and therefore also on reserves." Argentina's Merval stock index had plunged 10 percent after Monday's court decision, but it rebounded Tuesday and was trading up 4.9 percent on hopes the government would announce a solution.

Economy Minister Axel Kicillof scheduled a news conference for Tuesday evening to explain the Supreme Court's decision and discuss how Argentina's government planned to proceed. □

## CARIBBEAN BRIEFS

### American caught with bullets in Cayman

**GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands (AP)** — A U.S. man beginning his Cayman Islands honeymoon was arrested after customs officers allegedly found 50 rounds of ammunition in his luggage, officials said Tuesday. A government statement said the man is a 27-year-old from Wyoming but they did not release his name or hometown. He was arrested Saturday at the international airport on the British Caribbean territory's main island of Grand Cayman and was granted bail. Customs officers say they found the 9-mm bullets when they searched his luggage. They say the man told them he was visiting the islands on his honeymoon and had simply forgotten about the bullets. But Customs said the "consequences of such ammunition falling into the wrong hands cannot be overlooked." The government said it had been advised that the man probably would be charged. □

### Barbados battles to clear seaweed surge

**BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP)** — Clean-up crews in tourism-dependent Barbados are trying to clear gobs of brown seaweed littering numerous beaches, officials said Tuesday. Ricardo Marshall, projects officer with the Caribbean island's National Conservation Commission, said crews are being deployed daily to clear coastlines of pungent piles of sargassum seaweed. The slimy brown weed has been washing ashore at beaches from Barbados' north to south coasts. The government said Tuesday it is welcoming assistance from schools and community groups to clean up the beaches. Sargassum is an algae that grows in the Sargasso Sea, a large body of warm water in the mid-Atlantic. Officials in nearby Caribbean islands warn about the possibility of ample amounts of seaweed washing ashore. Large piles of sargassum have also drifted into the Gulf of Mexico. □

### Jamaica: 8 lottery scam suspects charged

**KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)** — Eight people in Jamaica were charged with alleged involvement in the island's lucrative lottery scam rings following a raid, police said Tuesday. The Lottery Scam Task Force arrested the suspects last week during an operation in the mostly rural parish of St. Ann. Computers allegedly containing lottery scam documents and other devices were seized. In a Tuesday statement, the Jamaica Constabulary Force said that eight of the 10 people arrested ended up being charged. The arrested suspects include five members of the same family, ranging in age from 18 to 50. The scam often targets elderly Americans. It typically begins with a phone call that informs targets they have won an international lottery, but they first need to send money to cover taxes. Victims who fall for the trick then get harassed for more payments. □





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a cocktail reception followed by a lavish, internationally inspired six-course dinner and wine pairing experience created by the Amsterdam-based culinary powerhouse of Chef Onno Kokmeijer from the two Michelin star Ciel Blue at Hotel Okura, and Chef Dennis Huwae of the one Michelin star &samhoud places, along with Renaissance Aruba resort's culinary team.

Local talent Tsunami and Hiljanne Croes will provide entertainment. During dinner, actor Wilmer Valderrama of That 70's Show and Playboy Playmate Amanda Cerny will host an art auction to support Chuckie's Play Foundation, which was founded to bring young people closer to their love of music by helping them reach their goals in the creative arts. The night heats up when Nutzbeatz and Karixon hit



the turntables for DJ Chuckie's late night birthday bash hosted by MC Roga.

All events will be held in the Renaissance Aruba Convention Center on the following schedule: 7:30 p.m. – Cocktail Reception 8:00 p.m. – Dinner and Auction with Wilmer Valderrama and Amanda Cerny 10:30 p.m. – 3 a.m. – DJ Chuckie's Birthday Bash hosted by MC Roga

Tables for 10 are available for \$2,500, which includes exclusive access to all of the evening's events. Additionally, the first 300 electronic music lovers who purchase a ticket to this year's Electric Fest, set for September 3 – 7, will receive an exclusive invitation to attend DJ Chuckie's Birthday Bash. To purchase tickets, e-mail [sales@renaissancearuba.com](mailto:sales@renaissancearuba.com) or call (297) 523-6182. Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino is comprised of the adult-exclusive Marina Hotel and family-friendly Ocean Suites. The resort is the only property on Aruba to operate its own private island, a 40-acre atoll that is exclusive to guests and

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## Come see Gloria Feliciano in action; Artist live demonstration at Caribbean Queen, on Thursday

**PALM BEACH** - On Thursday, local Artist Gloria Feliciano will conduct a live demonstration at Caribbean Queen, Palm Beach Village Mall. Every month, Caribbean Queen honors one local female artist who lives and creates here, by showing off her artistry. The Caribbean Queen program was launched when the store opened in late 2011, and for the month of June 2014, local artist Gloria Feliciano is the boutique's celebrated Caribbean Queen, showcasing her art for locals and visitors to admire and purchase.

As a child in her beloved hometown of Salta, Argentina, Gloria was attracted to crafts and fashion. As a teenager, she created clothes, woven belts, wallets, warm wintery sweaters, and crochet tops for summer, also modifying prêt-à-porter clothes to cre-

ate her own style.

She did not follow any kind of formal art course but rather completed her education in an entirely other field, graduating as a systems analyst and later working as an IT professional.

She came to Aruba having started a beautiful love story 12 years ago. She got married here and had two kids, Mark (4) and Frank (10). She successfully opened her own business related to computers 10 years ago.

This year, she decided to seriously pursue the development of handmade jewelry after having participated in a fashion design workshop at Ateliers '89 in October 2012. During 2013, she researched, learned, and practiced new techniques and discovered cold porcelain, an accessible medium with which to create unique pieces of



handcrafted jewelry. Her imagination started to fly as she played with colors and shapes to her heart's content. Gloria reports that she loves bead making most, and though her favorite material is cold porcelain, she also uses fabric, aluminum foil, wood, leather, shells, and Aruban sea glass. Gloria has a lot of fun making handmade jewelry, and the moment she finishes a piece, more ideas are already springing forth. In her collection,

each piece is designed and crafted patiently, ultimately reflecting her own style, which she defines as feminine, delicate, sophisticated, classic, and cheerful. Exclusive and modern, the pieces are intended for women to feel special, and they are wearable day or night. Gloria finds the challenge of improving her work very exciting.

Happy to be the newest Caribbean Queen, Gloria shows off her work throughout the month of June at

Caribbean Queen, Palm Beach Plaza Mall.

Caribbean Queen earmarks a percentage of all sales for its Tikkun Olam (Repair of the World) program. The collected funds are given quarterly to local non-profit organizations in an ongoing effort to do good and serve the community. All the foundations served with donations from Caribbean Queen are dedicated to the promotion of art on the island and artisan education. □

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San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich reacts against the Miami Heat during the first half in Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals on Sunday, June 15, 2014, in San Antonio.

Associated Press

## 'Pop' at the top of his game one more time

JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist

Numbers rarely lie, and in Gregg Popovich's case they finally piled up in a way too compelling to ignore.

Five NBA titles spread over 15 years is a dynasty, even — maybe especially — in this era of short attention spans. It's long past time Popovich got the credit he deserves.

The San Antonio Spurs were never as sexy as the Bulls and Lakers teams that Phil Jackson rode into the winner's circle 11 times in 20 years, nor as dominant as the old Boston Celtics that lit Red Auerbach's ultimate victory cigar nine times in a 10-year span. They don't fire up the imagination the way Pat Riley's "Showtime" Lakers did throughout the 1980s.

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Chicago Cubs pinch hitter Travis Wood hits a 13th inning double during that drove home the winning run during a baseball game against the Miami Marlins, in Miami, Monday, June 16, 2014. The Cubs 5-4 in the 13th inning.

Associated Press

## Cubs P Wood has big hit in 13<sup>th</sup>

The Associated Press

**MIAMI (AP)** — Pinch-hitting pitcher Travis Wood hit an RBI double with two outs in the 13th inning to lift Chicago.

Called on to hit for reliever Carlos Villanueva (3-5), Wood hit a sharp ground-ball off Jacob Turner (2-5) down the left field line, scoring Junior Lake for the go-ahead run.

Wood, who is batting .250 this season, was 0 for 4 as a pinch hitter entering the game.

Miami's Tom Koehler was near perfect to start, retiring 14 of the first 15 batters. Only Mike Olt registered a hit against the Marlins'

starter during that stretch.

But the Cubs overcame a 3-0 deficit in the sixth inning. PHILLIES 6, BRAVES 1, 13 INNING

**ATLANTA (AP)** — Ryan Howard homered and drove in the go-ahead run in Philadelphia's five-run 13th inning.

The Braves lost in 13 innings for the second time in three days. Ben Revere led off the 13th win a sharp single up the middle off David Hale (2-2) before stealing second base and moving to third on Jimmy Rollins' fly ball to right field. Following an intentional walk to Chase Utley, Howard hit a sharp grounder that took

one hop past first baseman Freddie Freeman for an error as Revere scored from third.

Marlon Byrd following with a run-scoring single up the middle. Howard scored on a fly ball to deep right field by Carlos Ruiz. Reid Brignac, who had three hits, added a two-run triple.

Antonio Bastardo (4-3) pitched two scoreless innings.

**BREWERS 9, DIAMONDBACKS 3**

**PHOENIX (AP)** — Wily Peralta pitched seven effective innings, Aramis Ramirez lined a two-run double in the eighth inning and Milwaukee broke open a

close game late.

Peralta (7-5) shook off a shaky second inning to keep the NL Central-leading Brewers close against Arizona and Brandon McCarthy. Milwaukee ran away with it once McCarthy left, scoring three runs in the eighth against Will Harris (0-2): two on Ramirez's third hit and another on a run-scoring single by Khris Davis. Ryan Braun hit a two-run triple off J.J. Putz in the ninth inning and Scooter Gennett had a run-scoring single after homering earlier in the game for the Brewers, who had 12 hits.

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## Pop at the top

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But make no mistake, just like the coaches above, Popovich is one of the best NBA coaches ever.

He's always taken the long view on success and isn't afraid to go against the grain. Instead of chasing stars, the preferred route to building a team since Michael Jordan walked away, his Spurs built patiently through the draft, beginning with Tim Duncan, then made a number of shrewd, complementary acquisitions, and let Popovich blend and maximize their talents.

Duncan never produced highlights the way Jordan or Kobe Bryant did, but after 17 seasons alongside Popovich — the longest tenured player-coach tandem the NBA has ever

seen — they won just as much and stayed together a lot longer.

With the low-maintenance Duncan as the centerpiece, the Spurs have been running essentially the same schemes Popovich learned from Larry Brown 25 years ago and still runs today. The offensive sets rely on ball movement, not individual matchups, and they create opportunities for every player on the floor.

That kind of freedom runs counter to the star-system that prevails throughout the league, so much so that when Kawhi Leonard came over to San Antonio in a trade for George Hill, he passed up so many shots in favor of Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili that Popovich finally called him out.

Those conversations are why Leonard moved front

and center in the NBA Finals with three straight 20-point-plus performances and went on to become series MVP.

"(I told him) 'The hell with Tony, the hell with Timmy, the hell with Manu, you play the game. You are the man. You're part of the engine that makes us go,'" Popovich recalled after the Spurs closed out the Miami Heat. "But it starts with his defense and his rebounding."

"He's starting to feel his oats offensively, obviously, because I didn't call a play for him the whole playoff," Popovich continued. "I did not call his number. Everything he did was just out of the motion and out of offense, and he's learned it well. In the future, obviously, we'll use him a lot more on an individual basis. But it's not really our style, and he appreciates that."



San Antonio Spurs head coach Gregg Popovich takes a question after Game 5 of the NBA basketball finals against the Miami Heat on Sunday, June 15, 2014, in San Antonio.

Associated Press

Before the clinching game, Popovich was asked how much longer he planned to be around. He's often said he planned to call it a career whenever Duncan, 38, did. No word on when that might be, but Popovich let on he was ready for at least one more go, then groaned, "I didn't think I

was going to have to answer those kind of questions today."

Those won't end for a while. But the answers to the question about how he'll be remembered whenever that day comes were apparent from where he sat one more time: At the top of the game.

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## Woods starting to take fuller practice swings

By **DOUG FERGUSON**  
AP Golf Writer

**PINEHURST, N.C. (AP)** -- Tiger Woods is making progress in his recovery from back surgery and starting to extend his swing, his agent said Tuesday. Woods already has missed two majors this year while he recovers from a microdisectomy on his back on March 31. He last played on March 9 at Doral, when he closed with a 78 despite the pain in his lower back. Woods has said he has no idea when he will be healthy enough to return to competition. A report on Golf Channel's morning show said he was taking full swings at the Medalist Golf Club in South Florida. "Tiger is progressing like he expected," Mark Steinberg of Excel Sports Management said in an email. "Feeling good each day. As each day passes and he feels that way, he lengthens the swing a bit." Woods is the tournament host next week for the Quicken Loans National at Congressional. It is not expected that he will play. The dead-

line to enter is Friday. This is the first year of title sponsorship for the Detroit-based company. The next major is the British Open on July 17-20 at Royal Liverpool, where Woods won in 2006. The last time Woods missed two majors in one year because of injuries was in 2011, when he sat out the U.S. Open and British Open to let his leg fully recover. That year, he returned at Bridgestone Invitational in early August, a World Golf Championship that has no cut. In a promotional day for Quicken Loans last month, Woods said he was chipping and putting in a way that did not require rotation in his back. That was four weeks ago. He also did not know how much time it would take for him to be ready for a tournament once he could take full swings with no pain. "The more time you give me, I think the better I'll be," he said. "The great thing about what I've done so far and all my other previous surgeries is that I worked on my short game."





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## Gatlin wins 100 meters at Golden Spike

KAREL JANICEK

Associated Press

OSTRAVA, Czech Republic (AP) —

Justin Gatlin remained unbeaten this season by winning the 100 meters at the Golden Spike meet on Tuesday, clocking 9.86 seconds to improve his own world-leading time of the year.

Gatlin pulled away from the rest of the field from the start, easing to his eighth victory of the year despite facing a head wind of 0.4 meters per second.

Gatlin had promised to "do something very special" at the meet, which part of the IAAF World Challenge series.

"I felt good to come out here to run another world leading time," he said. "I was looking for a better time but I'm very happy with it."

Gatlin had set the previous world-leading time of 9.87 at the Beijing World Challenge meet last month.

In a 1-2 finish for the United States, Mike Rodgers came second in 10.08 ahead of veteran Kim Collins of St. Kitts and Nevis, who was third in 10.12.

Gatlin came to Ostrava to replace Usain Bolt, the Olympic and world champion who announced this month he would skip the Golden Spike and a Diamond League meet in Paris on July 5 because he was behind with his training following a foot injury.

Gatlin was the only sprinter to beat Bolt last year, edging him at the line in the 100 in Rome last June, but was beaten by him at the worlds two months later.

"I hope he gets better," Gatlin said about his rival. "I hope his foot heals up and hopefully I'll see him this year, or maybe next year. I want to race against the best."

Gatlin, the 2004 Olympic champion, said he doesn't plan to compete at the

U.S. championships this year but planned to return to Europe to "run some fast races ...

hopefully to get to the low 9.7s, maybe high 9.6s."

Americans were also fast in some other track events at the Golden Spike.

LaShawn Merritt dominated the men's 400 with a time of 44.16, with Isaac Makwala of Botswana coming in second in 44.83 while Briton Martyn Rooney was third in 45.03.

In the women's 200, U.S. sprinter Allyson Felix proved she's getting back to her top form after collapsing on the track with a torn hamstring at last year's worlds.

"It's a bit weird for me to reach a perfect shape after my injury," said Felix, who clocked 22.75. "The wind here disturbed me a bit."

Olympic pole vault champion Renaud Lavillenie also said the wind hampered



Justin Gatlin from USA, left, reacts as he wins the men's 100m race at the Golden Spike Athletic meeting in Ostrava, Czech Republic, Tuesday, June 17, 2014.

Associated Press

him, but he won nonetheless with a jump of 5.83 meters for his seventh straight victory this season. Raphael Holzdeppe of Germany, who upset Lavillenie at last year's worlds, finished sixth after clearing 5.53.

In other events, world indoor champion Caleb Ndiku of Kenya looked

strong in the men's 3,000, clocking a world-leading 7:31.66, and Jamaica's Hansle Parchment pulled ahead in the final meters to win the men's 110 hurdles in 13.18. He edged Pascal Martinot-Lagarde France who was second in 13.28, while Xie Wenjun of China was third in 13.37. □



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# Brazil, Belgium tough day; Russia-Korea draw

**JOHN LEICESTER**

**AP Sports Writer**

**RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)** — The headline from the World Cup, Day 6: Big favorite Brazil is vulnerable.

Those who thought the World Cup host or world champion Spain — thumped 5-1 last week by the Netherlands — would walk away with this should think again.

Proving the old adage that there are no easy games in football's showcase, Brazil failed to beat Mexico for the first time at the World Cup, held Tuesday to a 0-0 draw in their second game in Group A.

Belgium — a long-shot pick for the title — also struggled to break down Algeria, but got help off its bench to win 2-1 in Belo Horizonte.

In steamy Cuiaba, an evenly matched and entertaining back-and-forth contest ended Russia 1, South Korea 1. Substitutes scored all but one of the five goals on Tuesday, proving the importance of having a Plan B.

All 32 teams have now played at least once. The Netherlands and Germany, which scored four Monday against Portugal, are the standouts so far.

With Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant in the crowd of 60,342, Tuesday's big



**Mexico's goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa makes a save during the group A World Cup soccer match between Brazil and Mexico at the Arena Castelao in Fortaleza, Brazil, Tuesday, June 17, 2014.**

surprise was Brazil's failure to find the net in the north-eastern city of Fortaleza. With Neymar rampant through the middle, Marcelo ever-willing to go forward and Oscar supplying passes and inventiveness, Brazil should be able to score almost at will. Time and again, Brazil's yellow shirts swarmed over Mexico's penalty box.

But shots and passes went awry, Mexican goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa made outstanding saves and Brazil is clearly missing a top-

notch center-forward.

Other attackers — Thomas Mueller for Germany, the Netherlands' duo of Robin Van Persie and Arjen Robben, France's Karim Benzema — all bought their scoring boots to Brazil, finding the net at least twice. Neymar also got two for Brazil in its opening 3-1 defeat of Croatia. But his teammate Fred is yet to get off the mark.

Mistiming his run, the striker had a first-half effort disallowed for offside, didn't weigh heavily on the game

and was substituted in the second half. This was the second scoreless draw at this tournament, where goals have rained in.

If goal scorers struggled Tuesday, it was also because goalkeepers had a good day. Before Tuesday, the first 14 matches saw an average of more than 3 goals per game — bettering the rate of all World Cups since Brazil's first victory in 1958.

But that dipped to 2.9 goals per game following Tuesday's three matches.

**Associated Press**

Ochoa's seven saves in the tournament — six of them against Brazil — are the most by any goalie so far.

He got an outstretched hand to Neymar's superb first-half header. After another spectacular two-handed reflex save in the second half, batting away Thiago Silva's header, Ochoa high-fived a teammate.

Despite letting in two, Rais Mbolhi was impressive for Algeria, making six saves that put him just behind Ochoa.

For Russia, Igor Akinfeev frustrated South Korea's long-range attempts until the power of a 25-yard shot from substitute Lee Keunho seemed to surprise him and bounced out of his hands into the net.

Aleksandr Kerzhakov equalized up the score for Russia just three minutes after coach Fabio Capello put him in.

Belgium looked anything but frightening in a first half where Algeria was more watchable than its brief appearance in 2010. Algeria moved and kept the ball well, looked to hit Belgium on the counterattack and took the lead from a penalty.

Credit Belgium coach Marc Wilmots for turning things around.



**Britain's Mark Cavendish of team Omega Pharma Quick Step, celebrates the victory after the 4th stage, a 160.4 km race, from Heiden to Ossingen, at the 78th Tour de Suisse UCI ProTour cycling race, in Ossingen, Switzerland, Tuesday, June 17, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

**OSSINGEN, Switzerland (AP)** — Mark Cavendish edged out Juan Jose Lobato and Peter Sagan in a thrilling final sprint to win the fourth stage of the Tour

de Suisse on Tuesday, while Tony Martin remained in the overall lead.

Cavendish, who is one of the world's top sprinters, launched the sprint and

## Cavendish wins sprint on Tour de Suisse 4th stage

made a second attack with 100 meters to go to win by almost three bike lengths.

"It wasn't so easy, it was a headwind finish," Cavendish said. "It was very chaotic in the peloton, a lot of teams were trying to get it right. My team weren't 100 percent but we were committed."

"I sat in Mark Renshaw's wheel and he brought me around. It was about timing your sprint right. It was slightly uphill into the headwind, so even though the others jumped early, I waited until the last moment. I knew that I had to go with

200 or 100 to go."

The clear victory will be a boost to the British cyclist's confidence for the Tour de France.

Cavendish clocked 3 1/2 hours on the 160-kilometer (99-mile) leg from Heiden to Ossingen.

Martin retained his six-second advantage over Dutch cyclist Tom Dumoulin, while third-place Sagan reduced the gap slightly to 10 seconds behind the German.

Laurens De Vreese and Daniel Teklehaimanot led for most of the stage after opening up a lead of three minutes early on.

Their advantage increased to nearly four minutes before the peloton began to up the pace with about 100 kilometers remaining, with Omega Pharma-QuickStep — riding for both Cavendish and Martin — driving the group.

The duo's long stint up front ended with 10 kilometers to go.

There was more bad news for Bradley Wiggins. The 2012 Tour de France winner, who lost more than two minutes on Monday and any chance of overall success, was involved in a crash with about 26 kilometers remaining.





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## De La Rosa pitches Red Sox by Twins 1-0

**The Associated Press**

**BOSTON (AP)** — Rubby De La Rosa matched his first career Fenway Park start with another seven impressive innings and A.J. Pierzynski had a sacrifice fly, lifting the Boston Red Sox to a 1-0 win over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

Mike Napoli helped get a runner trying to score with a heads up play in a Red Sox victory that came after two one-run losses. Boston is 9-15 in one-run games.

De La Rosa (2-2) gave up only a single in the third inning as he combined with three relievers on a three-hitter. He walked three and struck out three.

Andrew Miller struck out the only batter he faced, Burke Badenhop got two outs and Koji Uehara three outs to remain perfect in 15 save chances. He extended his streak to 31 straight saves over the past two regular seasons.



**Boston Red Sox's Rubby De La Rosa pitches during the first inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins in Boston, Monday, June 16, 2014.**

**Associated Press**

Kevin Correia (3-8) gave up five hits, walking one and striking out two in six innings.

**RANGERS 14, ATHLETICS 8 OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — Donnie Murphy homered twice to help Colby Lewis win for the first time in more

than three weeks.

Michael Choice and Robinson Chirinos also homered, and Adrian Beltre drove in three runs as the Rangers got their fourth straight win at the Coliseum. Texas swept a three-game series in Oakland in April.

Robinson Cano added an RBI double as Seattle scored all five runs in the first two innings.

**DODGERS 6, ROCKIES 1**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — Dee Gordon had four hits, including a triple that was misplayed into four bases by left fielder Charlie Blackmon, and Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched six strong innings to help Los Angeles snap Colorado's season-best five-game winning streak.

Ryu (8-3) allowed a run and three hits in six innings and struck out six in his 13th start. In his first 13 starts last season — his first in the major leagues — the left-hander was 8-5 with a 2.85 ERA. This was the ninth time this year that Ryu has allowed fewer than three earned runs, and he is 7-0 in those games.

Matt Kemp drove in two runs for Los Angeles, while Hanley Ramirez, A.J. Ellis and Yasiel Puig had RBI singles.

Tyler Matzek (1-1) allowed three runs and 10 hits through five innings in his second big league start and did not strike out a batter.

**CARDINALS 6, METS 2**

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — Allen Craig and Matt Adams each had two RBIs and St. Louis got effective work from rookie pitchers subbing for ace Adam Wainwright.

Carlos Martinez allowed an unearned run in four innings in his second career start and Nick Greenwood (1-0) allowed a run on two hits in 3 1-3 innings to win in his major league debut for the Cardinals, who have won seven of eight. □

Lewis (5-4) allowed 10 hits and five runs over 5 1-3 innings to win for the first time since May 25.

Murphy hit a two-run home run in the fourth and a solo shot in the ninth.

Yoenis Cespedes hit a three-run home run while Brandon Moss added his 17th for Oakland. Drew Pomeranz (5-4) allowed eight runs and eight hits in 3 2/3 innings — his shortest outing since joining the A's rotation in early May.

**INDIANS 4, ANGELS 3**

**CLEVELAND (AP)** — Carlos Santana and Asdrubal Cabrera homered, and Cleveland ended Jered Weaver's unbeaten streak at Progressive Field.

Santana's leadoff homer in the fifth inning broke a 3-all tie and moved the Indians (36-35) over the .500 mark. Cabrera hit a two-run homer in the first.

Both home runs came off Weaver (7-6), who lost for the first time in 10 career starts at the Indians' ballpark. Weaver was 6-0 and allowed 11 earned runs in 60 1-3 innings in nine starts at Progressive Field coming

into the game.

Trevor Bauer (2-3) allowed three runs in 6 2-3 innings for his first win since May 20. Carlos Carrasco pitched 2 1-3 innings for his first career save.

**ROYALS 11, TIGERS 8**

**DETROIT (AP)** — Omar Infante hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and had an RBI single in a four-run fifth against former teammate Justin Verlander as Kansas City beat Detroit.

The Royals have won a season-high eight straight to pull within a half-game of the AL Central-leading Tigers.

Detroit scored six runs in the ninth inning and pulled within three on J.D. Martinez's two-out grand slam off Donnie Joseph.

Michael Mariot struck out Austin Jackson looking for the final out.

Jason Vargas (7-2) gave up two runs on seven hits and two walks to win his third straight.

Verlander (6-7) allowed seven earned runs in consecutive starts for the first time in his career, giving up a season-high 12 hits and striking out two over six innings.

**RAYS 5, ORIOLES 4**

**ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP)** — Jerry Sands, Yunel Escobar and Ryan Hanigan homered to lead Tampa Bay past Baltimore.

Sands' first homer since Sept. 20, 2011, a two-run, pinch-hit shot off Brian Matusz, snapped a 3-3 tie in the eighth inning. Escobar hit a solo homer in the first and Hanigan added a two-run drive in the fourth for a 3-0 lead against Orioles starter Wei-Yin Chen.

Sands went deep on a 2-0 pitch after Matusz replaced Darren O'Day (2-1), who departed with a runner on and two outs. □

### NL Roundup

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**MARINERS 5, PADRES 1**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — On a somber day for the Padres organization following the death of Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn at age 54, Seattle's Kyle Seager hit a three-run homer in the first inning, Brad Miller added a solo shot, and Chris Young threw six shutout innings against his former team. Gwynn died earlier in the day of oral cancer, a disease he attributed to years of chewing tobacco.

San Diego was shut out by Young (6-4) and a pair of relievers until Carlos Quentin hit a solo homer leading off the ninth.

Seager's homer came on a 3-0 pitch from San Diego starter Tyson Ross (6-6).





By: Dr Carlos Viana

# Eggs and Butter

A favorite dish of mine in a Japanese restaurant is a raw quail egg yolk on sea urchin eggs. A variable "cholesterol bomb", one of my colleagues called. Notice that the Japanese sushi chef throws away the white of the egg. A good thing, since raw egg whites should never be consumed. Egg whites contain substances that remove vitamins from your body and could possibly inhibit digestion of protein, and affect growth. Cooking the egg for just a few minutes destroys these and other harmful compounds.

The reason a myth has survived for years about the dangers of eating egg yolks is because one egg yolk contains about 213 milligrams of cholesterol. This is about the same amount as my other favorite food, olive oil that is also loaded with cholesterol. However, any clinical nutritionist will tell you that the different types of cholesterol are not the same. Olive oil, like egg yolks, both have a high content of monounsaturated fatty acids and antioxidative substances. In lay terms, both of these great foods are rich in HDL, the "good" cholesterol.

If you enjoy the convenience of taking a multivitamin to be sure you're getting enough nutrients, you should consider including soft boiled or poached eggs in your diet. They

come close to having everything a natural multivitamin provides. Eggs are low in sodium and are a good source of protein, riboflavin, Vitamin B12, Pantothenic acid, phosphorus, and selenium. Additionally, there are amino acids, the building blocks for muscle and a great source of lecithin.

In fact, the word "lecithin," comes from the Greek word "lekithos" meaning "egg yolk". Other foods that contain lecithin include: butter, peanuts, cauliflower, tomatoes, banana, oranges, lentils, oats, barley, corn, sesame seeds, flax seeds, whole wheat and human breast milk.

Notice I said, butter, not margarine. Actually, if you are worried about cholesterol, according to a Harvard Medical study, margarine may increase heart disease in women by 53% over eating the same amount of butter. Margarine contains up to 45 percent of artificially created unhealthy trans-fats.

No more fattening than margarine, butter has been in the diet for thousands of years so our bodies are used to digesting it. Besides lecithin, butter is a rich source of easily absorbed vitamin A, E, K, D and selenium, a powerful antioxidant. We use salt free to eliminate the harmful processed salt which is used as a preservative to help the butter last longer on the shelf. If you like the taste of salt, try adding your own natural sea salt, which still has some of the minerals left and is not chemically processed.

Even better is Clarified Butter or "Ghee" a form of butter found in the Indian section of your supermarket. Ghee can be made easily at home and is butter which has the milk

solids or fat removed. It has a high smoke point and is a safer, healthier choice for cooking than other fats or oils.

With people afraid to eat egg yolks, the richest source of choline found in modern diets comes from an additive called lecithin. Lecithin is most often added to foods as an emulsifier which helps keeps food blended. As a dietary supplement, I consider lecithin to be essential for everyone. In our clinic I see patient's daily suffering from fatigue, insomnia, kidney and bladder problems, high cholesterol levels, nerve-muscle problems, including cardiovascular disease, infertility, liver and gallbladder problems, anemia, and high blood pressure. Lecithin in your body keeps your cells functioning properly, allows your nerves to communicate with your muscles; and prevent the build-up of homocysteine in your blood. Homocysteine is a harmful compound that is associated with cardiovascular disease and osteoporosis. Since lecithin has fat-modifying effects, lecithin helps prevent fatty build-up in the liver.

An important part of lecithin is choline. Since the 1930s, research has shown that choline is a component of every human cell. Lecithin can help control cholesterol levels. Because of its role in nerve-muscle function, lecithin has been used to help improve neuromuscular function in Alzheimer's disease and plays a critical role in memory functions and learning difficulties.

Lecithin supplementation is very important to babies, even while still in the womb. Dietary deficiency of lecithin can provoke respi-

ratory distress in newborns, and failure to thrive. In very young babies a continuing deficiency can produce impaired growth, and abnormalities in bone formation. Medical data on lecithin suggests that simply supplementing the diets of pregnant and nursing women with lecithin could affect their children's lifelong learning and memory. In adults, lecithin can boost cognitive function, diminish age-related memory decline, and reduce the brain's vulnerability to toxic substances.

Eggs are nutritious. They're nutrient dense which means that eggs provide a good proportion of needed nutrients for the calories they provide. Eating nutrient-dense foods is particularly important for children as well as older adults because their energy needs are less but their nutrient needs are high. Nutrient density is also important for anyone of any age who is trying to lose weight. One of the reasons for eating eggs is lecithin and supplementing your diet with a quality lecithin supplement give us a healthy boost. By the way, I recommend most of my patients take individual, natural supplements, like Vitamin C, Magnesium, Zinc and always Lecithin. However, if you prefer taking a multivitamin, make sure you are using a natural one. There is a difference between quality food based nutrients and cheaper, synthetic or artificial vitamins, which may also include fillers, dyes and preservatives.

Get The Point! Eggs and butter do not increase heart disease risk in most people. A Harvard School of Public Health study found that healthy adults were able to

eat an egg a day without increasing their risk of heart disease or stroke. Want help with a cholesterol problem or a healthier gall bladder, liver, brain or to improve the learning ability of your child? Come in so we can tailor a health program to your specific needs. Want to learn more about cooking your eggs the safest, healthiest way possible, join us for "Cooking Healthy with Dr. Carlos & Amy" - Call for details.

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# App Watch: Facebook's Slingshot for fleeting posts

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AP Technology Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Facebook is taking another stab at ephemeral mobile messaging with an app called Slingshot.

The app is designed to appeal to fans of Snapchat and other messaging apps that let people send self-destructing messages to friends.

Slingshot draws inevitable comparisons to Snapchat. Facebook even tried to buy Snapchat's maker — for \$3 billion, according to published reports. But there are some key differences between the two.

— **AVAILABILITY:**

Facebook began making Slingshot available Tuesday to U.S. users, though the company accidentally released it last week in Apple's app store, giving some vigilant Facebook watchers an early glimpse

before the app was removed from the store. Slingshot works with both Apple and Android devices. A Facebook account isn't required.

— **HOW IT WORKS:**

After downloading, you can sign up either with a Facebook account or your mobile phone number. You add contacts based on your Facebook friends and phone contacts.

Opening the app takes you to its camera, which has a "shoot" button for taking a snapshot and a "selfie" button for, you guessed it, a selfie. After taking a photo, you can type a message of up to 140 characters on it, or draw a picture. You can then send it to some or all of your Slingshot contacts.

— **UNLIKE SNAPCHAT:**

On Snapchat, people can see a photo sent to them by tapping on it and hold-

ing their finger down until it disappears, always within a few seconds. On Slings-



**This combo made from images provided by Facebook shows the company's Slingshot app. After accidentally launching the ephemeral messaging app last week, Facebook says Slingshot is now ready for prime time, and owners of Android or Apple's iOS devices can download it starting on Tuesday afternoon, June 17, 2014.**

Associated Press

## Report: Chinese phone comes preloaded with spyware

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Associated Press

**BERLIN (AP)** — A cheap brand of Chinese-made smartphones carried by major online retailers comes preinstalled with espionage software, a German security firm said Tuesday.

G Data Software said it found malicious code hidden deep in the propriety software of the Star N9500 when it ordered the handset from a website late last month. The find is the latest in a series of incidents where smartphones have appeared preloaded with malicious software.

G Data spokesman Thorsten Urbanski said his firm bought the phone after getting complaints about it from several customers. He said his team spent more than a week trying to trace the handset's maker without success.

"The manufacturer is not mentioned," he said. "Not in the phone, not in the documentation, nothing else."



**This photo made available by G Data Software dated June 16, 2014 shows G Data Software spokesman, Thorsten Urbanski, holding a Chinese-made Star N9500 smartphone.**

Associated Press

The Associated Press found the phone for sale on several major retail websites, offered by an array of companies listed in Shenzhen, in southern China. It could not immediately find a reference to the phone's manufacturer.

G Data said the spyware it found on the N9500 could allow a hacker to steal personal data, place rogue calls, or turn on the phone's camera and microphone. G Data said the stolen information was sent

to a server in China.

Bjoern Rupp, chief executive of the Berlin-based mobile security consultancy firm GSMK, said such cases are more common than people think. Last fall, German cellphone service provider E-Plus found malicious software on some handsets delivered to customers of its Base brand.

"We have to assume that such incidents will increasingly occur, for different commercial and other reasons," said Rupp. □

shot, you can see a message only if you send one back. Until you do, you'll only see a pixelated preview of what's in store. Facebook product designer Joey Flynn says this gives it a "reciprocal, kind of community feel."

Unlike with Snapchat, there is no time limit on when a message disappears. Once you are done looking at it, you can flick it off to the side and it self-destructs, much the same way you'd reject a potential mate on Tinder's dating app.

Slingshot also allows reaction shots. This splits your screen in half and lets you snap a photo to return to the sender. In this case, the recipient won't have to send back a message to view your response.

— **SECOND TAKE:**

Facebook had a previous Snapchat-like app called Poke, but it never caught on. Slingshot is the second app to come out of Facebook's Creative Labs, an internal project designed to develop separate apps in a startup-like environment. The first app from the lab was Paper, a social news reader that came

out in February. The effort comes as Facebook seeks to broaden its reach beyond its 1.28 billion users by splintering off some of its functions to separate apps — and creating stand-alone apps for entirely new features and audiences.

Ten people have been working on Slingshot since January. It grew out of a December hackathon at Facebook where people were trying to figure out "new ways of sharing," Flynn says.

Flynn says he thought of his two brothers, both of whom are "non-technical, they don't live in San Francisco." The three communicate on iMessage, the iPhone's built-in messaging system, and Flynn would often send photos and messages to his brothers to no response other than a "seen" receipt. Slingshot, he says, is intended to make sharing stuff more reciprocal.

— **THE PROSPECTS:**

Even Facebook acknowledges that its Creative Labs apps are starting small and might not reach an audience that Facebook itself reaches. The idea is to offer something for everyone. □



# Stocks close higher; banks gain on rising rates

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Stocks rebounded from a downbeat start Tuesday, building on small gains for the third day in a row. News that U.S. consumer

Sachs. Disappointing home construction data had weighed on the market early on, sending homebuilder stocks lower. The major stock indexes

if we can get some self-sustaining momentum going," said Brad Sorensen, director of market and sector analysis at the Schwab Center for Financial Research. Investors may get a better

expected to keep a key short-term rate near zero. The Fed will also update its economic forecasts.

"We're all waiting to see what the Fed has to say tomorrow," said JJ Kinahan, chief strategist at TD Ameritrade.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 4.21 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,941.99. The index is down less than 1 percent from its most recent all-time high of 1,951.27 set last week.

Five of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 rose, led by financials. Utilities fell the most.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 27.48 points, or 0.2 percent, to 16,808.49. The Nasdaq composite gained 16.13 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,337.23.

The three stock indexes are all up for the year.

Stocks were down slightly in premarket trading Tuesday as investors got a look at the latest data on U.S. home construction. The Commerce Department reported that homebuilders broke ground on new apartments and houses at an annual rate of 1.01 million homes in May. That's down 6.5 percent from the previous month.

The report sent homebuilder shares mostly lower for much of the morning.

## Big tobacco looks to keep pace with e-cigarette sales

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Tobacco companies are moving quickly to keep pace with the evolution of their industry by embracing the increasingly popular e-cigarettes and making them more available to consumers. Reynolds American Inc., the second-largest tobacco company in the U.S., moved forward on its ambitious goal for sales, announcing Tuesday that next week it would begin distributing its Vuse brand electronic cigarette nationwide.

Altria Group Inc., which owns the nation's biggest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, is seeking to expand its MarkTen electronic cigarette brand nationally during the first half of the year.

Lorillard, the nation's third-largest tobacco company, acquired e-cigarette maker Blu eCigs in April 2012. Blu now accounts for almost half of all e-cigarettes sold and can already be found nationwide.

Reynolds said Tuesday that retail outlets in all 50 states will be carrying Vuse starting on June 23. More stores will be added throughout the remainder of the year. Reynolds launched Vuse in Colorado last summer and expanded into Utah earlier this year. The Winston-Salem, North Carolina company said that Vuse quickly became the top-selling brand in both states with high levels of repeat purchase.

Like other tobacco companies, Reynolds American is looking to capitalize on the fast-growing e-cigarette sales and to diversify its business more. To that end, the company announced last month that it was expanding its Tobaccolville, North Carolina manufacturing complex ahead of Vuse's national rollout in order to meet anticipated market demand. The market for e-cigarettes has grown from thousands of users in 2006 to several million worldwide and reached nearly \$2 billion in sales last year.



**Trader Greg Mulligan, center, works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks rebounded from a downbeat start Tuesday, building on small gains for the third day in a row.**  
(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

prices jumped sharply in May drove up long-term interest rates, setting the stage for the turnaround as investors bid up shares in financial stocks such as E-Trade Financial, Charles Schwab and Goldman

recovered, but only barely above the previous day's close.

"The market is just kind of drifting along. Everybody is trying to figure out how much of a hold this economic expansion can get,

sense of that on Wednesday afternoon, when the Federal Reserve is scheduled to give an update following a two-day meeting of its policy-making committee.

Fed officials are widely

# CEOs more optimistic on hiring, sales this year

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**AP Economics Writer**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Optimism among chief executives of large U.S. companies has reached a two-year high, driven by a more positive outlook toward hiring and sales.

The Business Roundtable said Tuesday that its CEO outlook index rose to 95.4 in the second quarter, up from 92.1 in the first quarter. That is the highest level since the second quarter of 2012. The positive sentiment among CEOs of some of the largest U.S. companies could bode well for hiring and growth. The U.S. economy has been adding jobs at a steady pace this year and the unemployment rate has fallen to 6.3 percent, a five-year low.

The proportion of CEOs expecting to hire in the next six months rose to 43 percent, up from just 37 per-

cent in the first quarter. Still, the outlook was not all rosy: the percentage of CEOs planning to invest

more in their businesses fell to 44 percent from 48 percent.

Randall Stephenson, CEO of AT&T and chairman of the Roundtable, blamed the drop on the expiration of several investment tax breaks at the beginning of the year.

The decline is "troubling because of the high correlation between business investment and economic and job growth," Stephenson said.

The CEOs also forecast that the economy will grow at just a 2.3 percent pace in 2014. That would be better than last year's 1.9 percent growth, but below many economists' hopes at the beginning of this year that growth would reach 3 percent.



**Marsha Lawson talks with a representative from CVS at the Cleveland Career Fair in Independence, Ohio. Optimism among chief executives of large U.S. companies has reached a two-year high, driven by greater optimism about hiring and sales.**  
(AP Photo/Tony Dejak)



# Stylr app is Wal-Mart tech lab's latest buy

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**AP Retail Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Wal-Mart Stores Inc.'s innovation lab is diving deeper into mobile apps with another acquisition.

The latest purchase for @WalmartLabs is Stylr, a mobile app that allows shoppers to find clothes in nearby stores.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Stylr is @WalmartLabs' 13th acquisition in the past three

years. The purchase is the latest effort by Wal-Mart, the world's biggest retailer, to develop new digital tools to help create a seamless shopping experience for shoppers who are increasingly jumping back and forth from stores and their mobile phones.

Wal-Mart CEO Doug McMillon, who took the helm in February, vowed Wal-Mart would pick up the pace in technology in his address earlier this month at the

company's annual shareholders meeting.

"It is important that we all understand the shift that has happened in technology and retail, what it means for us, and what we're doing to win," said McMillon. "People now spend more time on digital devices than they do watching TV. A lot of times, they're doing both at the same time."

Wal-Mart has a ripe audience: 65 percent of its customers have smartphones,

while 80 percent of shoppers under age 35 do. Half of Wal-Mart smartphone users have used the device in its stores to assist with shopping, company officials say.

Stylr will be removed from the app store by the end of the month, said Ravi Jariwala, a spokesman for @WalmartLabs. Wal-Mart's own mobile app won't run Stylr, but its technology will be used to develop future mobile innovations.

The @WalmartLabs technology enables Wal-Mart's mobile app to guide shoppers to products and tracks customers' spending as they shop.

New York-based Stylr's founders Eytan Daniyalzade and Berk Atikoglu will be joining @WalmartLabs in San Bruno, California, as part of the deal. Wal-Mart is based in Bentonville, Arkansas.

# Siemens, Mitsubishi make case for deal to rival GE

**GREG KELLER**

**Associated Press**

**PARIS (AP)**—The CEOs from Siemens and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries met with the French president on Tuesday to promote their joint offer to buy parts of French engineering company Alstom and head off a rival bid from General Electric Co.

Joe Kaeser of Germany's Siemens AG and Shunichi Miyanaga of Japan's Mitsubishi said they sought to persuade Francois Hollande that their offer was superior to GE's and would create "a strong, innovative European champion." Alstom executives have said the deal negotiated over two months ago with GE was their preferred option, but French government concerns over keeping jobs and strategic technologies safely at home have delayed the deal's signing, giving Siemens and Mitsubishi an opening they hope to exploit.

"We believe this concept for Alstom, Mitsubishi and Siemens is superior in finan-

cial aspects, in strategic and industrial aspects and not least in social aspects," Kaeser said at a news con-

ference after meeting Hollande at the Elysee presidential palace.

The proposed deal un-

veiled late Monday would see Siemens pay 3.9 billion euros (\$5.3 billion) for Alstom SA's gas turbine busi-

ness. Japan's Mitsubishi would purchase a 10 percent stake in Alstom and inject 3.1 billion euros into the struggling company.

Including minority stakes by Mitsubishi in various other Alstom businesses, the deal values the French company at \$19.3 billion, slightly more than the value implied by G.E.'s offer, the companies said. "We want to keep a proud French icon strong and make it stronger," said Kaeser, adding he did not want to dismantle the company. Alstom had in April already negotiated a competing \$17 billion offer for its energy business from U.S. conglomerate General Electric Co., but the French government intervened to delay the deal's signing. GE has given Alstom until June 23 to decide. While the French government finds GE appealing because of its long presence in France, it has tried to get other potential suitors for a company considered strategic because of its large presence in the key energy and transport sectors.



**Siemens CEO Joe Kaeser, right, shake hands with Mitsubishi CEO Shunichi Miyanaga, at the end of their Mitsubishi Heavy Industries meeting with French President Francois Hollande, to discuss their offer to buy parts French engineering company Alstom SA, in Paris, Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Joe Kaeser, CEO of Alstom's German rival Siemens AG, and Shunichi Miyanaga, CEO of Mitsubishi, were at the Elysee palace in Paris hours after they unveiled their offer to buy parts of Alstom. Siemens would pay 3.9 billion euros for the gas turbine business. Japan's Mitsubishi would purchase a 10 percent stake in Alstom and inject 3.1 billion euros into the struggling company.**

(AP Photo/Jacques Brinon)

# Valeant planning direct hostile bid for Allergan

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Valeant plans to take a buyout offer for Allergan directly to its shareholders this week, as the Botox maker continues to rebuff its proposals that have risen as high as \$53 billion.

Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. Chairman and CEO J. Michael Pearson said in a conference call Tuesday that prox-

ies seeking support for its bid may be mailed in "the near-term."

"It is clear Allergan's management and their board will never sit down and act in the interest of their shareholders," he said. Canadian-based Valeant has teamed with Bill Ackman's Pershing Square Capital Management to try to purchase Allergan. The two

companies went public with their takeover attempt in April and have increased their offer several times.

Allergan Inc. has repeatedly rejected the offers as underpriced and risky. But Pearson said that Valeant believes an Allergan shareholder vote would "be overwhelmingly in support of the deal."

Valeant and Pershing —

which has a 9.7 percent stake in Allergan — have continued to pursue Allergan despite the Irvine, California company's disinterest. The latest offer was worth about \$53 billion. Allergan's market capitalization was about \$48 billion in midday trading Tuesday. Ackman previously said he would move to replace most of Allergan's board of

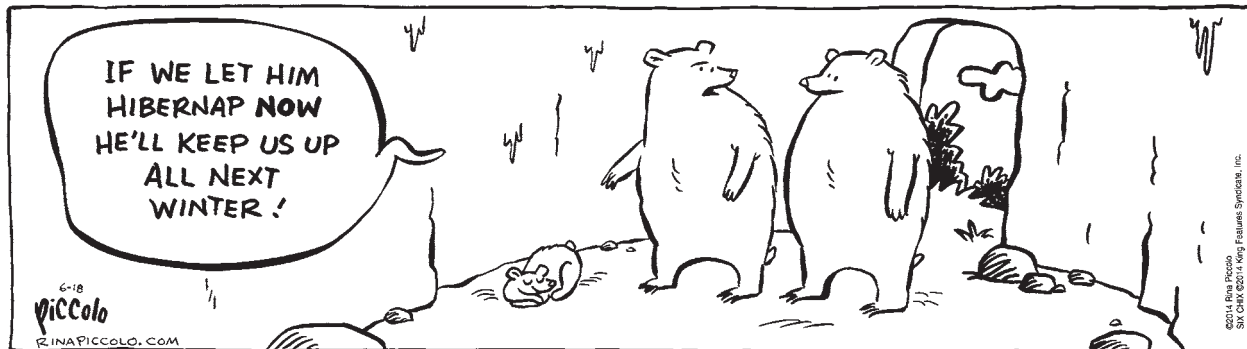
directors as part of the battle for control of the company. Pearson said Tuesday that Pershing is looking to call a special shareholders meeting to remove six of Allergan's nine board members. Last week Pershing filed a lawsuit to confirm that its push for the special meeting won't trigger a defensive "poison pill" from Allergan.



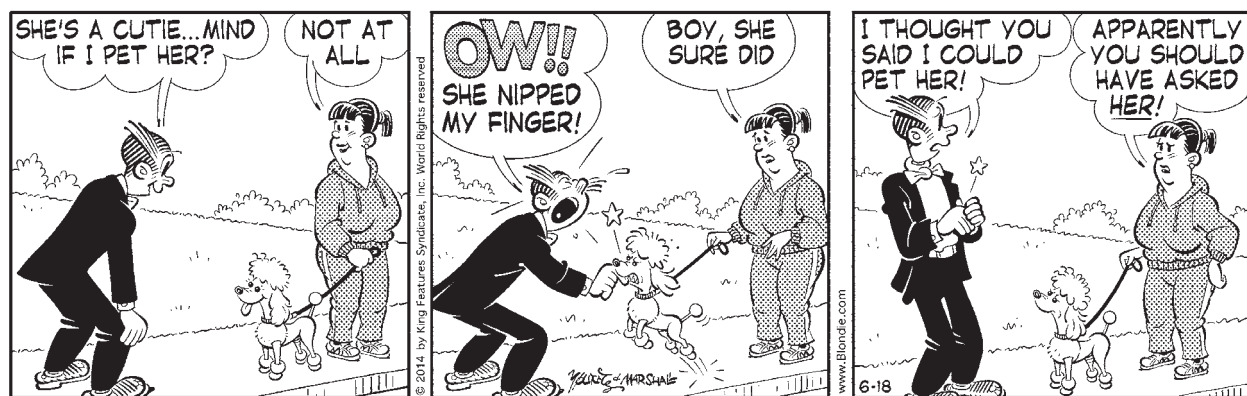
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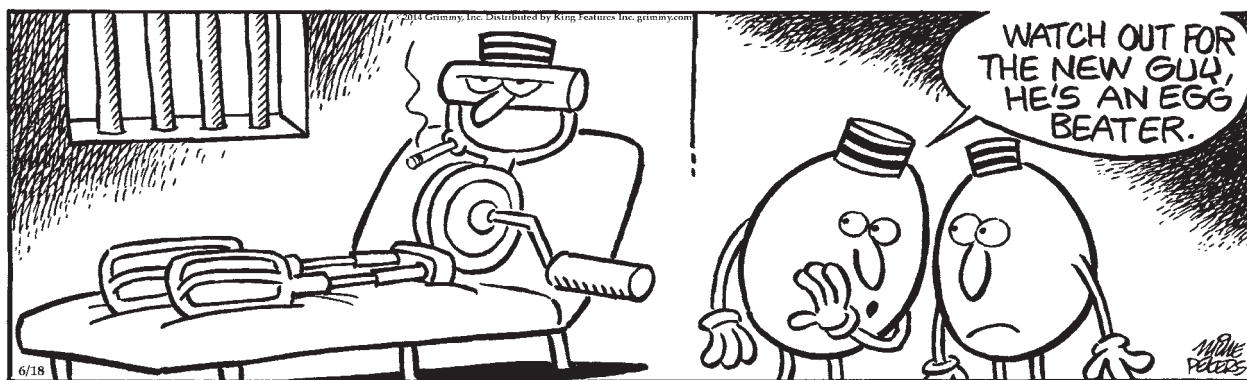
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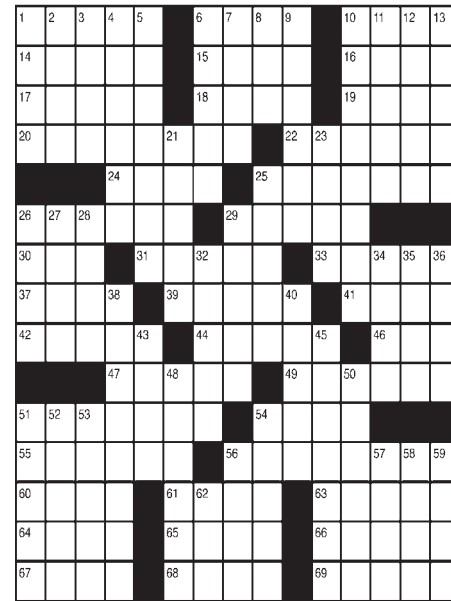
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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8	5	7	4	6	1	3	9	2
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## ACROSS

- Grand \_\_; four-run hits in baseball
- Grouchy one
- Rather tight, as clothing
- Grieving wife
- \_\_ away; galloped off
- Sticky strip
- Agassi with a racket
- Vane direction
- Late Kennedy clan matriarch
- Bothered
- River through London
- Perched upon
- Join up again
- Had an angry expression
- Canned, as an employee
- Regulation
- Nonconformist
- Does an usher's job
- Water jug
- Refueling ship
- Critical; urgent
- Finished
- Medicinal amounts
- Gents
- Grow closer to midnight
- Used foul language
- Spoke
- Think deeply
- Out of \_\_; panting
- Rather mauve in color
- \_\_ is not to reason why...
- Actor Tim \_\_
- Run off & wed
- Farmhand unit
- Elderly
- More modern
- Afternoon socials
- Prying
- Sketches



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## Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

## DOWN

- Exchange
- Queue
- Tallies up
- Bricklayer's plaster
- More sugary
- Sleazebag
- Highway
- Commercials
- Not as sick as previously
- Deserted
- Singer \_\_ Judd
- Rattled
- Waterbirds
- Cowboy's competition
- Colors
- Makes angry
- Delight
- Grassy area
- Floored
- Jailbird
- \_\_ one's time; waited
- Goals
- Maple or larch
- Put in the mail

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- Happen again
- Move suddenly
- Stop something temporarily
- Iran's capital
- Merchant
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## \$1,000-a-pill Sovaldi jolts US health care

**RICARDO ZALDIVAR**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

The latest pill for hepatitis C sounds like a difficult choice.

Sovaldi cures the liver-wasting disease in 9 of 10 patients, but treatment can cost more than \$90,000.

Leading medical societies recommend the drug as a first-line treatment, and patients are clamoring for it. But insurance companies and state Medicaid programs are gagging on the price. In Oregon, officials propose to limit how many low-income patients can get Sovaldi.

Yet if Sovaldi didn't exist, insurers would still be paying in the mid-to-high five figures to treat the most common kind of hepatitis C, a new pricing survey indicates. Some of the older alternatives involve more side effects, and are less likely to provide cures.

So what's a fair price?

The cost of this breakthrough drug is highlighting cracks in the U.S. health care system at a time of heightened budget concerns. The Obama administration has a huge political stake in controlling treatment costs, but its critics may cry rationing.

"People are going to want to try to dodge this hot potato," says economist Douglas Holtz-Eakin.

For insurers, there's a frustrating twist: For each middle-aged person they pay to cure with Sovaldi, any financial benefits from preventing liver failure are likely to accrue to Medicare, not to them.

More than 3 million Americans carry the hepatitis C virus, and many don't realize it. It's a public health concern since the disease can be transmitted by contact with infected blood, and sometimes through sexual activity. Health officials advise all baby boomers to get tested.

The illness is complex, with distinct virus types requiring different treatments. □

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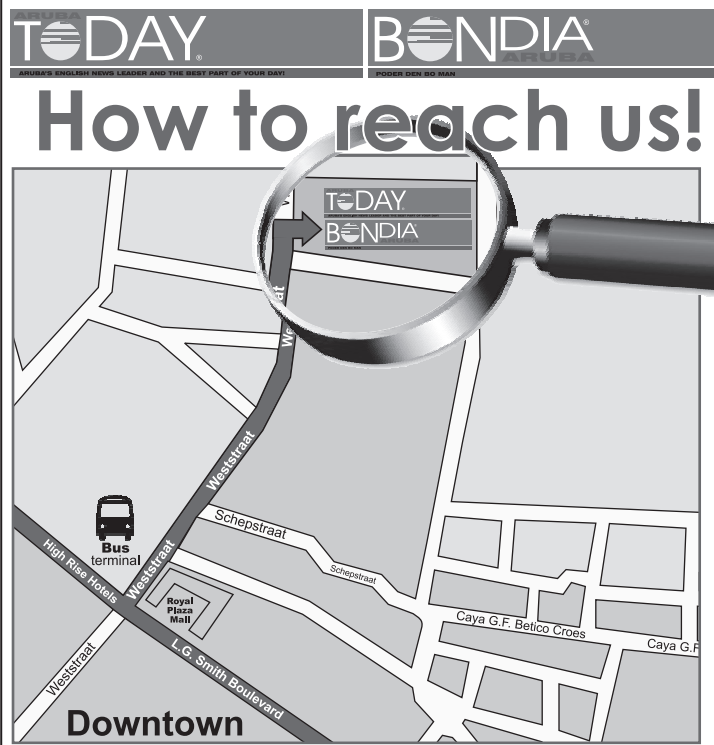
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# Obama setting aside massive Pacific Ocean preserve

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** —

President Barack Obama moved Tuesday to create the world's largest ocean preserve by expanding a national monument his predecessor established in waters thousands of miles (kilometers) from the American mainland.

The designation for a remote stretch of the Pacific Ocean marks a major symbolic victory for environmentalists, who have urged the president to take action on his own to protect the planet as Congress turns its focus elsewhere. But the initiative will have limited practical implications because little fishing or drilling are taking place even without the new protections.

Protecting the world's oceans and the vibrant ecosystems that thrive deep under the surface is a task that's bigger than any one country but the U.S. must take the lead,



**Actor Leonardo DiCaprio speaks at the second day of the State Department's 'Our Ocean' conference at the State Department in Washington, Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Associated Press**

Obama said, announcing the initiative during an ocean conservation conference.

"Let's make sure that years from now we can look our children in the eye and tell

them that, yes, we did our part, we took action, and we led the way toward a safer, more stable world," Obama said in a video message.

Obama hasn't settled on

the final boundaries for the expanded Pacific Remote Islands Marine National Monument, and will solicit input from fishermen, scientists and conservation experts. Obama's senior counselor, John Podesta, said that process would start immediately and wrap up "in the very near future."

President George W. Bush, a Republican, created the monument in 2009 by setting aside waters that encircle an array of remote islands in the south-central Pacific, between Hawaii and American Samoa.

Bush's protections extend about 50 miles (80 kilometers) from the shore of the U.S.-administered islands, but maritime law gives the U.S. control up to 200 nautical miles from the coast, forming the outer limit of what Obama could protect using the 1906 Antiquities Act.

Conservation groups urged Obama to be bold. If Obama opts for the full 200 miles, (320 kilometers) conservation groups said, he could roughly double the amount of ocean that's protected worldwide.

A geographic analysis by the Pew Charitable Trusts estimated Obama could protect more than 780,000 square miles (202,000 sq. kilometers) — almost nine times what Bush set aside

— and far more if he included the waters around other U.S. islands in the Pacific Ocean.

"Our oceans are feeling the strain of human activity from increased acidification, overfishing, and pollution, and we need to take bold action to protect this vital natural resource," said Carol Browner, the former Environmental Protection Agency administrator.

But in practical terms, the expanded sanctuary will likely have a modest impact.

Very little commercial fishing is conducted around the islands. And Bob Fryklund, chief upstream strategist for analytics agency IHS Energy, said no one is currently exploring for oil or gas in the area.

But conservation groups said it's critical to take proactive steps to safeguard underwater ecosystems even if direct human damage isn't imminent.

"These are fairly long distances from any ports, and they're very expensive to get to," said Lance Morgan of the Marine Conservation Institute. "Still, we don't know what all the future uses are going to be."

Obama has increasingly invoked his own authority to impose environmental protections during his second term, wary of ceding control to lawmakers who have shown no appetite for major legislation to fight climate change and other ecological challenges. Earlier this month Obama unveiled unprecedented pollution limits on power plants, enraging Republicans and even some Democrats.

Republicans reacted with similar indignation Tuesday and accused Obama of overreaching.

Rep. John Fleming, who chairs the House subpanel dealing with oceans and wildlife, said Obama was invoking climate change even though the century-old Antiquities Act wasn't intended to deal with global warming.

"This is clearly way outside of his constitutional boundaries," Fleming said in an interview. □

## Officials: Wildlife products may finance terrorism

**VERENA DOBNIK**

**Associated Press**

**NEW YORK (AP)** —

The U.S. government is stepping up its crackdown on the illegal trafficking of wild animal products across the nation's borders, saying some may be linked to terrorists, federal officials said Monday.

"Poaching in Africa is funding terrorist groups," U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman told a news conference at Kennedy International Airport.

He said such illegal trade is a threat to global security because it's driven by criminal elements, including terrorists using profits from items such as rhinoceros horns and elephant tusks to finance their activities. On display in an airport cargo warehouse operated by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection was a collection of wildlife products seized at Kennedy — from ivory disguised to look like a wooden stat-



**A carved orangutan's skull is displayed at a news conference at JFK international Airport, Monday, June 16, 2014 in New York to highlight efforts by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Fish and Wildlife to deter illegal trafficking in wildlife. An ivory carving, made from elephant tusk, is displayed at a news conference at JFK international Airport, Monday, June 16, 2014 in New York to highlight efforts by U.S. Customs and Border Protection and U.S. Fish and Wildlife to deter illegal trafficking in wildlife. Associated Press**

ue and the stuffed heads of a lion and leopard to handicrafts, artworks and musical instruments hiding animal parts.

The single priciest item was a rhino horn. It fetches \$30,000 per pound — or about 30 percent more



than its weight in gold. Paul Chapelle, the agent in charge of New York for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said one horn case resulted in 16 arrests, including that of a mobster from Ireland now serving 13 months behind bars. □



# Zendaya says she's the right fit for Aaliyah role

ALICIA RANCILIO

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — For anyone concerned about who would play Aaliyah in a film about her life, the girl who earned the role — 17-year-old Zendaya — says it mattered to her, too. “I really want it to be perfect for her and show young people what she was able to do and what she accomplished,” the Disney Channel star said in an interview Tuesday, a day after Lifetime announced she would play the role of the R&B singer. Zendaya says she's the right choice for the part because “if you want something done right, you've got to do it yourself.”

Aaliyah was killed in 2001 at age 22 when her plane crashed after takeoff from a Bahamian runway. She dominated on the R&B and pop charts, earning platinum-plus albums and racking hits with songs like “Try Again,” “Back & Forth” and “Are You That

Somebody?”

Zendaya, who was the runner-up on “Dancing With the Stars” last year, says she's aware the role comes with a lot of scrutiny.

“I can't please everybody ... what I can do is work really hard and you know, just continue to show her legacy,” she said.

Zendaya was almost five at the time Aaliyah died. She says she remembers watching the singer's music videos when her older sister would babysit her.

Zendaya is recording some of Aaliyah's songs for the film. Zendaya, who made her debut on the Disney Channel series “Shake It Up” in 2010, released her first album last year, which featured the platinum hit “Replay.” She says her success as a young star helps her relate to Aaliyah, who released her debut album at age 15.

“I feel like she grew up so young and she grew up in the industry ... and she just had to deal with so much,”



This Jan. 26, 2014 file photo shows singer Zendaya at the 56th annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles. Zendaya will play Aaliyah in a film about the late singer's life. Aaliyah was killed in 2001 at 22-years-old when a small plane she was flying in crashed shortly after takeoff in the Bahamas.

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she said. “I connect with that.”

Zendaya also stars in the Disney Channel movie “Zapped,” which pre-

mieres June 27. She will also co-produce and act in the network's upcoming show “K.C. Undercover.” The Aaliyah film is based on

the book “Aaliyah: More Than A Woman” by music journalist Christopher Farley. Shooting is scheduled for this summer. □

## Spielberg's next movies set: spy thriller, 'BFG'



In this May 25, 2013 file photo, jury president, director Steven Spielberg, arrives for the screening of the film *Venus in Fur* at the 66th international film festival, in Cannes, southern France.

Associated Press

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Steven Spielberg's next two films have been slated for October 2015 and July 2016.

DreamWorks announced Monday that an untitled Cold War spy thriller from Spielberg will open Oct. 16 of next year, and “The BFG” is planned for July 1, 2016. The Cold War thriller is to star Tom Hanks as James Dono-

van, an attorney negotiating the return of an American pilot from the Soviet Union in 1960. “The BFG” is a live-action adaptation of Roald Dahl's 1982 children's book. The 67-year-old Spielberg is juggling numerous producing jobs in television and film. His last directed movie was 2012's Oscar-winning “Lincoln.” □

## Cuba's Buena Vista Social Club sets farewell tour

HAVANA (AP) —

The legendary Cuban musical group Buena Vista Social Club is going on a global farewell tour before disbanding next year after nearly two decades.

Communist Party newspaper Granma reported Tuesday that the tour will kick off next week and travel to the United States, Europe, Latin America and Asia.

The Buena Vista Social Club was formed in 1996 when U.S. musician and director Ry Cooder producer brought together a collection of aging, nearly forgotten Cuban performers.

The resulting album won a Grammy, and the group shot to international fame. A documentary of the



In this Friday, Jan. 24, 2014 file photo, remaining members of Cuba's Buena Vista Social Club band, Omara Portuondo, 81, front left, Jesus Aguaje Ramos, 63, front right, Luis Manuel Guajiro Mirabal, 80, back left, Eliades Ochoa, 68, back center, and Barbarito Torres, 60 pose for a picture after a press conference at the Hotel Nacional in Havana, Cuba.

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same name was nominated for an Academy Award.

Several of the original

members have died over the years, and only a handful remain with the group. □



# AP Exclusive: Picasso painting reveals hidden man

**BRETT ZONGKER**

**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — For artist Pablo Picasso, 1901 was a pivotal time to experiment and find his own unique style. At just 19 years old, he was living in Paris, painting furiously and dirt poor, so it wasn't unusual for him to take one canvas and reuse it to paint a fresh idea.

Now scientists and art experts are revealing they've found a hidden painting beneath the surface of one of Picasso's first masterpieces, "The Blue Room." Using advances in infrared imagery, they have uncovered a hidden portrait of a bow-tied man with his face resting on his hand.

Now the question that conservators at The Phillips Collection in Washington hope to answer is simply: Who is he?

It's a mystery that's fueling new research about the painting created early in Picasso's career while he was working in Paris at the start of his distinctive blue period of melancholy sub-



**This undated handout image provided by The Phillips Collection shows an infrared image of Pablo Picasso's "The Blue Room," painted in 1901.**

jects.

Curators and conservators revealed the discovery of the portrait for the first time to The Associated Press last week.

Experts long suspected

there might be something under the surface of "The Blue Room," which has been part of The Phillips Collection since 1927. Brushstrokes on the piece clearly don't match the

composition that depicts a woman bathing in Picasso's studio.

A conservator noted the odd brushstrokes in a 1954 letter, but it wasn't until the 1990s that an X-ray of the painting first revealed a fuzzy image of something under the picture. It wasn't clear, though, that it was a portrait.

In 2008, improved infrared imagery revealed for the first time a man's bearded face resting on his hand with three rings on his fingers. He's dressed in a jacket and bow tie, painted in a vertical composition.

"It's really one of those moments that really makes what you do special," said Patricia Favero, the conservator at The Phillips Collection who pieced together the best infrared image yet of the man's face.

"The second reaction was, 'Well, who is it?' We're still working on answering that question."

Scholars have ruled out the possibility that it was a self-portrait. One possible figure is the Paris art dealer Ambroise Vollard, who

hosted Picasso's first show in 1901. But there's no documentation and no clues left on the canvas, so the research continues.

Over the past five years, experts from The Phillips Collection, National Gallery of Art, Cornell University and Delaware's Winterthur Museum have developed a clearer image of the mystery picture under the surface. A technical analysis confirmed the hidden portrait is a work the Spanish artist likely painted just before "The Blue Room," curators said.

Since the portrait was discovered, conservators have been using other technology to scan the painting for further insights. Favero has been collaborating with other experts to scan the painting with multi-spectral imaging technology and X-ray fluorescence intensity mapping to try to identify and map the colors of the hidden painting. They would like to recreate a digital image approximating the colors Picasso used.

Curators are planning the first exhibit focused on "The Blue Room" as a seminal work in Picasso's career for 2017. It will examine the revelation of the man's portrait beneath the painting, as well as other Picasso works and his engagement with other artists.

For now, "The Blue Room" is part of a tour to South Korea through early 2015 as the research continues. Hidden pictures have been found under other important Picasso paintings. A technical analysis of "La Vie" at the Cleveland Museum of Art revealed Picasso significantly reworked the painting's composition. And conservators found a portrait of a mustached man beneath Picasso's painting "Woman Ironing" at the Guggenheim Museum in Manhattan.

"When he had an idea, you know, he just had to get it down and realize it," Phillips curator Susan Behrens Frank told the AP, describing how Picasso had hurriedly painted "The Blue Room" over another complete picture.

## Stephanie Plum returns in 'Top Secret Twenty-One'

**JEFF AYERS**

**Associated Press**

Janet Evanovich delivers another hilarious entry in her Stephanie Plum series with "Top Secret Twenty-One."

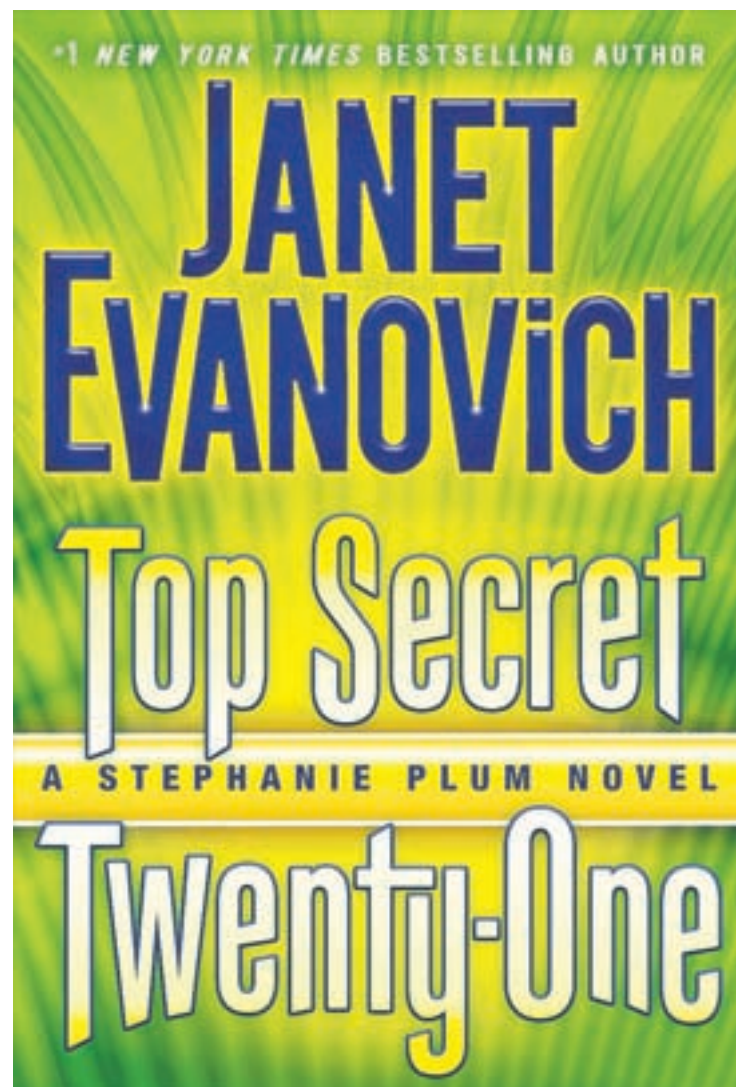
Life is never dull for bounty hunter Stephanie Plum. Her boyfriend, hot cop Joe Morelli, wants to take their relationship to the next level. She lusts for Ranger, the owner of a security firm that she occasionally assists in cases. Her day job as a bond enforcement agent pays the bills, and she has a partner in Lula, who wears clothes way too small for her and hasn't met a doughnut she doesn't like. When a simple task of bringing in a Trenton, New Jersey, car dealer named Jimmy Poletti who sold more than cars goes awry, things begin to fall apart for Stephanie and everyone she knows.

People who worked with Poletti start to turn up dead. His accountant, a short

jerk named Briggs, begs Stephanie to protect him. She reluctantly agrees, but wherever she tries to hide him, trouble follows. Then someone tries to kill Ranger and his team using a crude radioactive device. Can Stephanie stop the explosions and murder to keep her loved ones safe from a ruthless killer? More important, what items can Stephanie's grandmother remove from her bucket list? Evanovich's books featuring Plum and her quirky friends, colleagues and criminals are the perfect junk food for readers wanting a beach read escape. The combination of biting dialogue, outrageous characters and intense story lines are consistent throughout. And her novels are the true definition of a guilty pleasure.

**This book cover image released by Bantam shows "Top Secret Twenty-One," by Janet Evanovich.**

**Associated Press**





## A Game of Groans



**GAIL COLLINS**

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Today let's find fun ways to talk about the Highway Trust Fund.

I'm thinking about a game, where players move tiny cars around the board, trying to make money for road and bridge repair. If nobody wins, construction workers will be laid off, the economy will tank and every player has to spend the winter sitting in a 7-foot-wide pothole.

This could happen! OK, not necessarily the pothole part. But the Trust Fund is about to run out of money. It's a fiscal cliff for the nation's road crews.

Totally important subject. Plus, you know, we've got a game.

Gather around the board. Players have to pick a route toward raising at least \$15 billion before Congress bolts for summer vacation. Every approach has its own dangers. Plus, there are penalty cards. For instance, if somebody draws "Wait for comprehensive tax reform!" the entire game will come to a halt while all the most thoughtful players go into another room and put their heads down for two hours. Everybody else will be allowed to hang around the bar and drink merlot.

Ready to go? Pick your own route to the finish line:

### 1) Gas Tax Turnpike

The Trust Fund gets its money from a federal gas tax, which is currently 18.4 cents a gallon. I say currently as in "ever since 1993." That was part of the dreadful Clinton tax increases that led to a long, dark winter of balanced budgets and 4 percent unemployment rates.

The player hops over to a picture of Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., who recently introduced a bill that would raise the gas tax 6 cents a year for the next two years. On the day before his news conference, a 118-year-old swing bridge in Murphy's home state got stuck in the open position, blocking trains carrying thousands of commuters. "Somebody in the Senate needs to break the ice," he said.

Once a player hits Murphy's

picture, she has to sit there until the senator gets some co-sponsors. He's working on it.

### 2) Loophole Lane

"Everybody's looking for an answer, and it's staring us in the face," says Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., where a bridge north of Seattle collapsed last year.

Murray points out that Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has come up with a long list of tax loopholes he'd like to close. The Senate Democrats should just volunteer to take a couple, she says. The only problem with this plan is that the Republicans in the House who are not Dave Camp have greeted his ideas as if they were a pack of rabid muskrats.

This route involves crossing the treacherous John Boehner Gulch.

### 3) Surprise Street

In order to avoid the Gulch, a player may decide to take a spending-cut route. She then draws from a deck. If the card reads "Repeal Obamacare," the other players have the right to grab the board and thwack her over the head.

Other cards read: "Stop Saturday mail delivery." Weren't expecting that one, right? But, yes, some House Republicans have been looking at getting the money from the Postal Service, which could save about \$20 billion over 10 years by ending weekend mail.

On this route, players skip two turns out of every seven.

### 4) Holiday Highway

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., are proposing a tax holiday for multinational corporations.

Multinationals like to sit offshore on top of piles of cash that they plan to bring back to the United States the very moment we declare that they will only have to pay a teeny portion of the taxes that they rightfully owe. Then there's a holiday - whoopee! - and a one-time flood of money. The problem is that it encourages these guys to park their profits abroad waiting for Congress to cave in once again.

Players who pick this route get to wear special party hats. The downside is that Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., will come into the room and bop them with a kazoo.

### 5) Prestidigitation Parkway

The last time we had this Highway Trust Fund problem, Congress just shifted cash from its general fund. The deficit actually did not get bigger. This worked because Congress is a magic place,



## 5 Principles for Responding to Iraq



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The disintegration of Iraq and Syria is upending an order that has defined the Middle East for a century. It is a huge event, and we as a country need to think very carefully about how to respond. Having just returned from Iraq two weeks ago, my own thinking is guided by five principles, and the first is that, in Iraq today, my enemy's enemy is my enemy. Other than the Kurds, we have no friends in this fight. Neither Sunni nor Shiite leaders spearheading the war in Iraq today share our values. The Sunni jihadists, Baathists and tribal militiamen who have led the takeover of Mosul from the Iraqi government are not supporters of a democratic, pluralistic Iraq, the only Iraq we have any interest in abetting. And Iraq's Shiite prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, has proved himself not to be a friend of a democratic, pluralistic Iraq either. From Day One, he has used his office to install Shiites in key security posts, drive out Sunni politicians and generals and direct money to Shiite communities. In a word, al-Maliki has been a total jerk. Besides being prime minister, he made himself acting minister of defense, minister of the interior and national security adviser, and his cronies also control the Central Bank and the Finance Ministry. Al-Maliki had a choice - to rule in a sectarian way or in

an inclusive way - and he chose sectarianism. We owe him nothing.

The second principle for me derives from the most important question we need to answer from the Arab Spring. Why is it that the two states doing the best are those that America has had the least to do with: Tunisia and the semiautonomous Kurdistan region of Iraq?

Answer: Believe it or not, it's not all about what we do and the choices we make. Arabs and Kurds have agency, too. And the reason that both Tunisia and Kurdistan have built islands of decency, still frail to be sure, is because the major contending political forces in each place eventually opted for the principle of "no victor, no vanquished."

The two major rival parties in Kurdistan not only buried the hatchet between them but paved the way for democratic elections that recently brought a fast-rising opposition party, that ran on an anti-corruption platform, into government for the first time. And Tunisia, after much internal struggle and bloodshed, found a way to balance the aspirations of secularists and Islamists and agree on the most progressive Constitution in the history of the Arab world.

Hence my rule: The Middle East only puts a smile on your face when it starts with them - when they take ownership of reconciliation. Please spare me another dose of: It is all about whom we train and arm. Sunnis and Shiites don't need guns from us. They need the truth. It is the early 21st century, and too many of them are still fighting over who is the rightful heir to the Prophet Muhammad from the 7th century. It has to stop - for them, and for their kids, to have any future.

Principle No. 3: Maybe Iran, and its wily Revolutionary Guards Quds Force commander, Gen. Qassem Suleimani, aren't so smart after all. It was Iran that armed its Iraqi Shiite allies with the specially shaped bombs that killed and wounded many U.S. soldiers. Iran wanted us out. It was Iran that pressured al-Maliki into not signing an agreement with the U.S. to give our troops legal cover to stay in Iraq. Iran wanted to be the regional hegemon. Well, Suleimani: "This Bud's for you." Now your forces are overextended in Syria, Lebanon and Iraq, and ours are back home. Have a nice day.

We still want to forge a nuclear deal that prevents Iran from developing a bomb, so we have to be careful about how much we aid Iran's Sunni foes. But with Iran still under sanctions and its forces and Hezbollah's now fighting in Syria, Lebanon and Iraq, well, let's just say: advantage America.

Fourth: Leadership matters. While in Iraq, I visited Kirkuk, a city that has long been hotly contested between Kurds, Arabs and Turkmen. When I was there five years ago, it was a hellish war zone. This time I found new paved roads, parks and a flourishing economy and a Kurdish governor, Najimaddin Omar Karim, who was just re-elected in April in a fair election and won more seats thanks to votes from the minority Arabs and Turkmen.

"We focused on (improving) roads, terrible traffic, hospitals, dirty schools," and increasing electricity from four hours a day to nearly 24 hours, said Karim, a neurosurgeon who had worked in America for 33 years before returning to Iraq in 2009. "People were tired of politics and maximalism. We (earned) the confidence



# At Luxury Buildings, a Garden Off-Limits to All, Even Residents

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**NEW YORK** - Deborah Nevins is one of the most sought-after landscape designers in the world. She has seeded and sodded estates for the likes of David Geffen, Stavros Niarchos and Rupert Murdoch, and her haute habitats dot townhouse backyards and prewar rooftops from Greenwich Village to Park Avenue.

For her latest project, she is turning what would otherwise be a barren air shaft inside a new Tribeca loft building, the Sterling Mason, into a lush 1,000-square-foot courtyard. Hawthorn trees telegraph the seasons, from rich white blossoms to lush green leaves, red berries and spindly branches. Ivy creeps along the ground, framing a sculptural stream.

"It should be a remarkably peaceful space," said Dan McNerney, a vice president for Taconic Investment Partners, which is building the 32-unit Sterling Mason.

To keep that peace, this most inviting oasis will be off-limits, and not just to the general public. Even residents of the building, where apartments are going for up to \$23 million, will be allowed to enjoy it only from the ground floor lobby and library or their bedroom windows upstairs. In the concrete jungle, one of the rarest amenities is actual foliage. In-building laundry, even yoga rooms and bike storage, are more common than a lawn, let alone one designed by one of the premier horticulturalists in the business. But at a growing number of upmarket buildings, the ultimate luxury offering is a miniature Gramercy Park, one so exclusive that no one but the gardener gets a key.

No need to stop and smell the roses, developers and designers say.

"Just catching a glimpse of greenery in the city can bring a sense of calm," Nevins said. "I never have time to go to Central Park, but just walking out my

door on 73rd Street and seeing it there makes all the difference."

The Schumacher, a historic watch factory on Bleeker Street in Nolita that is being converted, had an original light well from 1883, when natural light was the only way to do the intricate manufacturing. With 21 condos for \$4 million to \$25 million, buyers could hardly be expected to look out onto an empty concrete shaft, like the denizens of some nearby tenement. Worse yet would be if it became a party venue.

"This is a serene space - the last thing we want is barbecue and cigarette smoke," said Rory Stillman, president of Stillman Development, the building's developer.



**A rendering of a courtyard garden designed by Ken Smith inside a light well at Schumacher, a historic watch factory being converted to condos in New York, in an undated handout photo.**

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Ivy covers the walls - inspired by a stay Stillman had at the Hotel Plaza Athénée in Paris - and

garden he wanted to contribute to it.

The newer residential gardens are largely an outgrowth of the current, post-bubble market, where financing has been scarce, leading to smaller boutique projects with larger units aimed at the wealthy. When apartments stop being cramped, there is less need to leave it for a get-together on the terrace or courtyard. Plus, if the owner wants to escape to nature, odds are good they already have a retreat or two somewhere.

"Even if you have a place out east, upstate, the Riviera, a yacht, it's still nice to wake up in nature," Stillman said.

planes, for people in the lobby and the common areas looking out on the garden, but also from above," Smith said.

SK Development is tilling two look-but-don't-touch gardens. Where others are manicured, the Reade Chambers in Tribeca has one as wild looking as the High Line. At 10 Bond St. in NoHo, a sunken light well for the gym and retail space was turned into an oversize vitrine planted with a single 18-foot Saucer magnolia tree to enliven the space. "We wanted to make the basement more than a basement," said Scott Shnay, the principal of SK Development.

While still uncommon in the city, this latest crop of gardens is a bit of a throwback, to an earlier gilded era. Grand turn-of-the-century apartment buildings like the Apthorp, the Dakota and Riverhouse all featured small, inaccessible gardens within their entrance courtyards.

Since this golden age, most installations have been corporate ones, like Isamu Noguchi's Zen garden at Chase Manhattan Plaza downtown and a stand of birch trees at The New York Times building, though the goal is the same - a pleasant view and lots of light. The current apartment appellation owes a debt as well to the Museum of Modern Art, where Smith, the Schumacher designer, created a massive installation of plastic plants and fake rocks on the museum's roof after its 2003 expansion. It is meant to enhance the view from residences in neighboring buildings. Even as New Yorkers are getting back to nature at urban farms, waterfront parks and green roofs, apartments boasting these Edenic refuges and their forbidden fruit may actually be the truest expression of gardening.

"It really is a garden in the most traditional sense," which is a simulation of nature, said Denise Hoffman-Brandt, director of the landscape architecture program at City College. "It's all about the artifice." □



**A rendering of the garden courtyard, designed by Deborah Nevins, to be built at the Sterling Mason, a new luxury condominium, in New York, in an undated handout photo. At a growing number of upmarket buildings, the ultimate luxury is offering a miniature park, one so exclusive that no one but the gardener gets a key.**

(The Sterling Mason via The New York Times)

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Stillman hired the renowned landscape designer Ken Smith. "We didn't want big trees, because it would block too much light, but we still wanted to create a sense of privacy," Stillman said. "We decided to bring the Hanging Gardens of Babylon to Manhattan."

climbs along cables stretching from a base of crushed marble up to the roof six stories above, looking like alien tendrils. Further complementing the space will be a pair of sculptures by Jeff Koons belonging to the collector Alberto Murgabi. He bought a pair of triplex units for \$20.7 million and was so taken by the

Technology has also advanced to the point where these spaces require almost no maintenance, especially if they are off-limits, which eliminates the need for shoveling and raking - seasonal pruning will do. Ample sunshine can be a problem, though, as well as layout.

"You're designing on two